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Monthly report for July 2020

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Quarterly reports contain additional analysis, macro-economic factors and expert comments. Click the images below to read or download the Q2 2020 report.

The collage features several key report elements:

- Monthly and Quarterly Indices:** A line and bar chart for Landscaping comparing June 2020 and Q2 2020 performance against a 2019 baseline.
- GfK's Product Categories Report:** A report titled 'Report on category headline values & in-depth, in-depth insights' with a pie chart showing category distribution.
- Macro factors impacting Merchants:** A section featuring a 'Consumer Confidence Index' chart showing fluctuations over time.
- Expert Panel:** A report by Talasey Group on 'Natural Stone Landscaping Products' featuring an expert panel discussion.

Introduction



This Builders Merchant Building Index (BMBI) report contains data from GfK's ground-breaking Builders Merchants Panel, which analyses data from over 80% of generalist builders' merchants' sales throughout Great Britain. GfK's Builders Merchant Point of Sale Tracking Data sets a gold standard in reliable market trends. Unlike data from sources based on relatively small samples or estimates, or sales from suppliers to the supply chain, this up-to-date data is based on actual sales from merchants to builders and other trades. It's therefore a very good proxy for housing RMI.

BMBI trend data is indexed on the 12 month period July 2014 to June 2015. The monthly series tracks what is happening in the market month by month and includes an in-depth review every quarter. This trend series gives the industry access to far more accurate and comprehensive insights than that available to other construction sectors.

MRA Marketing produces the Builders Merchant Building Index, a brand of the BMF, to communicate to the wider market as the voice of the industry as well as the voice of individual Expert Brands: eCommonSense, British Gypsum, Wienerberger, Midland Lead, Polypipe, The Crystal Group, Keylite Roof Windows, Hanson Cement, Keystone Lintels, Knauf Insulation, Talasey Group, Heatrae Sadia (Baxi Heating UK), Dulux Trade and Lakes. Meet the Experts [here](#) and on pages 9 and 10 of this report.

Recognition for BMBI

One of the aims of BMBI is to reach across and beyond construction. It's now syndicated to a growing number of trade magazines in different sectors on a regular basis. Outside the industry, economists, banks, consultancies, investment bodies and the big accountants regularly refer to it and BMBI is referenced alongside the Office for National Statistics (ONS) data in the Government Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) monthly construction update. From time to time, news outlets, including the BBC contact BMBI Experts and MRA for commentary on the industry.

More data available

This BMBI report provides valuable top-level indices but there's considerably more data available. GfK insights go much deeper and include sales value data. GfK can quantify market values and drill down into contributing categories, tracing product group performance, to focus on aspects that are critical to you.

GfK can also produce robust like-for-like market comparability tailored to the requirements of an individual business. As more merchants join to submit their monthly sales-out data the quality of this information can only become more extensive and rigorous. Merchants or suppliers who are interested in acquiring data or getting involved should contact Emile van der Ryst at emile.van-der-ryst@gfk.com.

Trading day differences explained

BMBI reports track changes in Merchants' performance over a variety of time periods. However, the number of trading days in a period can change how we judge relative performance. More trading days in a month could boost total sales, whereas the level of sales a day could be lower.

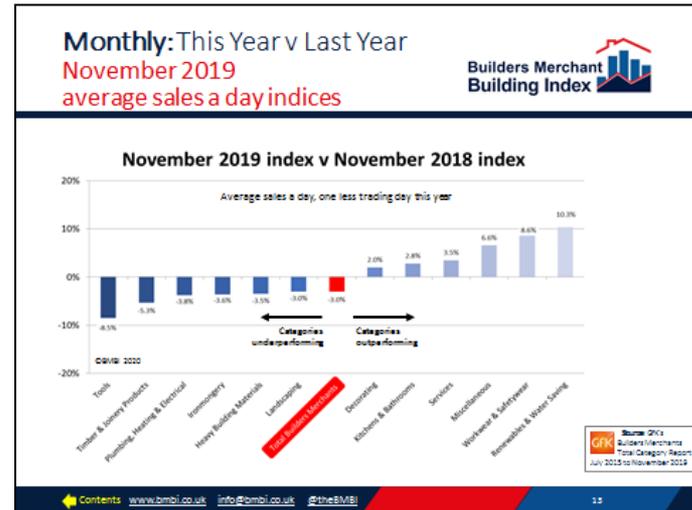
So, it's useful to also show average sales a day so we can compare apples with apples. Where trading days are different, we include two charts for the particular period under review:

Direct comparison of sales indices:



The first of the two charts directly compares revenue in the two periods, regardless of the number of trading days. Total Builders Merchants sales (the red column) were 7.4% lower.

Average sales a day indices comparison:



In the second chart, revenue has been divided by the number of trading days. In this example, revenue in November 2019 has been divided by 21 days, revenue November 2018 by 22 days and the results compared, showing a 3.0% fall in Total Builders Merchants sales activity (the red column) stripped of trading day differences.

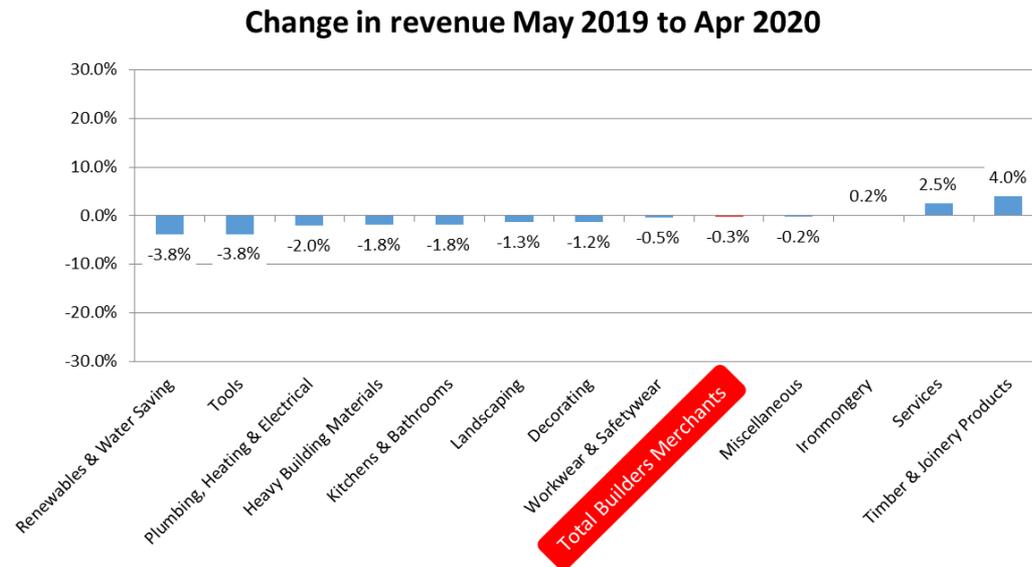
The charts provide two valid views of the same data. Direct comparisons (on the left) show what happened in absolute numbers – average sales a day (on the right) enables trading day differences to be set aside.

GfK's Builders Merchant Panel update



After almost six years without change, GfK's Builders Merchant Panel, which powers the Builders Merchant Building Index, saw three merchants leave and three join in Spring 2020. A lengthy transition period took place in the background and as a result, data covering January 2019 onwards now reflects the new panel. This has ensured the robust nature of the Builders Merchant Building Index has been maintained.

The overall impact of the changes was very small, with total revenue for the 12 months May 2019 to April 2020 being just -0.3% different to that previously published. Individual categories had mostly small changes, some a little up and some a little down, depending on the mix of sales contributed by the joining and leaving merchants. Small category Renewables & Water Saving was more significant, and only Timber & Joinery Products and Tools among the main categories were appreciably different, as illustrated in this chart.



The tables and charts in this report use the refreshed data from January 2019 onwards. For example, the values between June 2019 and April 2020 in the Indices table on page 12 are marginally different to those in reports published prior to May 2020. The chart on page 11 incorporates the new values from January 2019 onwards but the differences are relatively small.

Incorporating the new data back to January 2019 has also meant that year-on-year, month-on-month and year-to-date comparisons are all calculated using the refreshed data throughout, to ensure accurate reporting – a hallmark of the Builders Merchant Building Index.

If you have questions on the changes email Tom@mra-marketing.com or Emile.van-der-Ryst@gfk.com

Overview

Builders' merchant's sales almost back on track in July

Year-on-Year

The strong post-Covid-19 recovery seen in May and June continued in July, with total Builders Merchants value sales only 1.3% below July 2019. Landscaping (+25.4%) did best, with Workwear & Safetywear (+21.3%) close behind. Timber & Joinery Products was up 1.5%. Other categories all sold less, with 'inside' trades particularly affected, including Decorating (-8.9%), Kitchens & Bathrooms (-13.6%) and Plumbing Heating & Electrical (-15.8%).

Month-on-Month

Total Merchants sales in July were 8.7% higher than in June, helped by one more trading day this month. Workwear & Safetywear (+34.1%) was the top performer. Although behind year-on-year, sales of Kitchens & Bathrooms (+27.3%) and Plumbing Heating & Electrical (+22.1%) grew strongly compared with June. Largest category Heavy Building Materials was up 8.0% compared with a strong surge in June. Landscaping (-6.9%) was the only category that sold less.

Average sales a day, which takes trading day differences into account, were 4.0% higher in July than in June.

Other periods

The last three months (May to July) were down 13.4% overall compared with the same three months in 2019. Eleven of the twelve categories sold less, with Kitchens & Bathrooms (-32.4%), Plumbing Heating & Electrical (-31.8%) and Tools (-29.6%) the hardest hit. Landscaping (+19.5%) was the only category to sell more.

However, sales grew strongly in the last three months (May to July) compared with the previous three months (February to April). Total Builders Merchants surged +38.9% as branches re-opened following the Covid-19 lockdown. Eight of the categories sold more, with Landscaping (+130.4%) the top performer. Timber & Joinery Products was up 44.3%. Plumbing Heating & Electrical (-6.0%) was one of four categories to sell less. With two more trading days in May to July, average sales a day were 34.6% higher.

In the first seven months of 2020, total sales were down 20.4% compared with January to July 2019. Workwear & Safetywear (+1.2%) was the only category that sold more. Tools (-32.0%), Kitchens & Bathrooms (-28.6%) and Plumbing Heating & Electrical (-27.3%) were weakest. Average sales a day in the period were down 20.9%, with one more trading day this year.

Index

July's BMBI index was 131.9, helped by two more trading days. Seasonal category Landscaping (208.2) was strongest.

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The Expert Panel

Speaking for their markets - 1

The Builders Merchant Building Index (BMBI) includes a growing panel of industry Experts. In each quarterly report they comment on the market, with a particular focus on the story behind the trends. Experts are leading brands, or brands aspiring to become leaders, who are the voice of their markets.

The Q2 2020 report, which includes commentary from our experts is available [here](#)

Meet the Builders Merchant Building Index Experts:

Expert for Drylining Systems:



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Expert for Paint:



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Trade Merchants Sales Director
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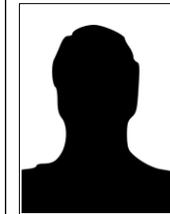
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Sales & Marketing Director
Lakes

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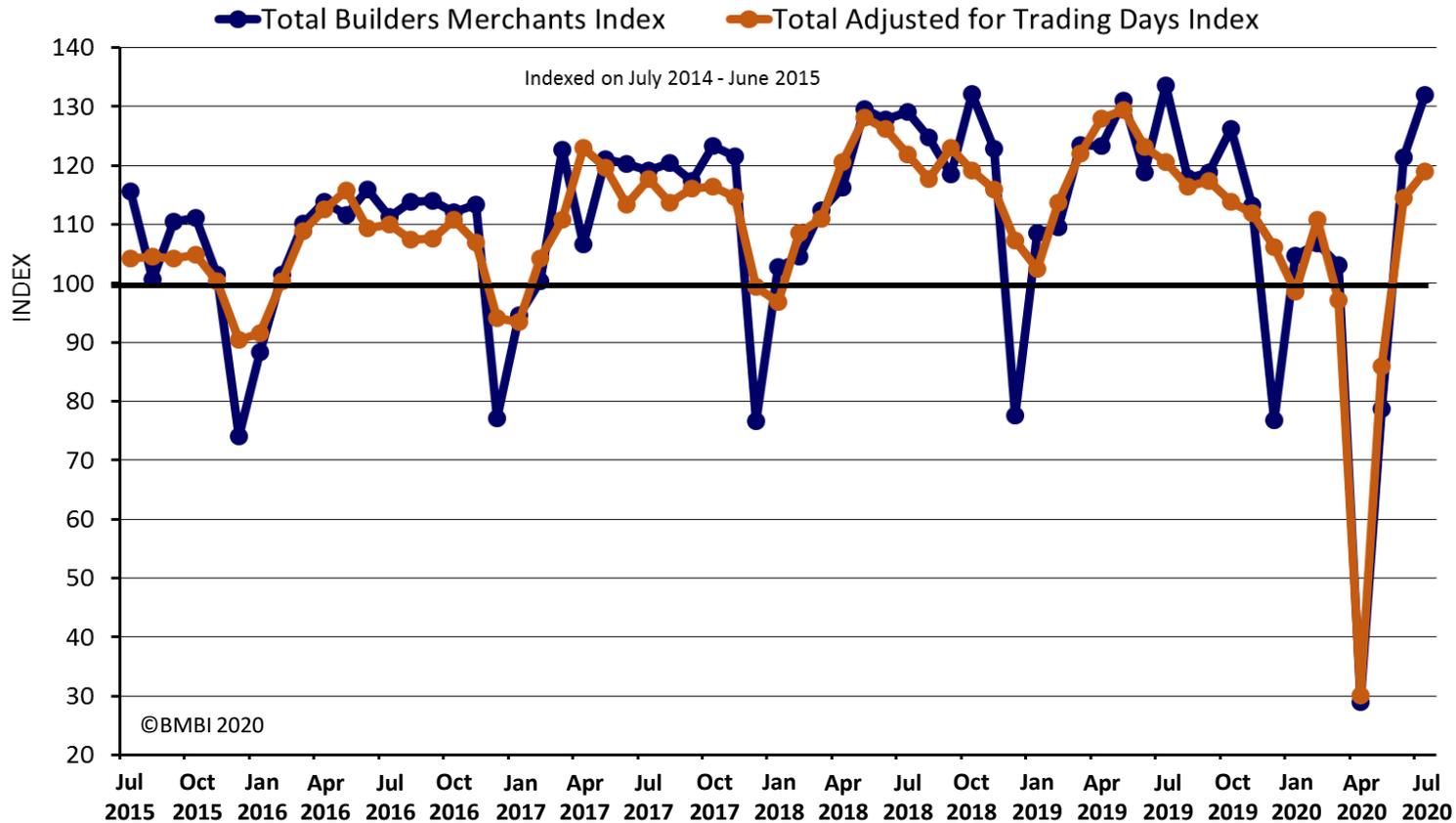
If you have a finger on the pulse of your industry sector and would like to join the Expert panel, please contact Tom Rigby at MRA Marketing:

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Monthly: Index

Adjusted and unadjusted for trading days

Total Builders Merchants Index v Total Adjusted for Trading Days Index



Source: GfK's
Builders Merchants
Total Category Report
July 2015 to July 2020

Monthly: Index and Categories

July 2019* – July 2020

(Indexed on monthly average, July 2014 – June 2015)



		2019						2020						
MONTHLY SALES VALUE INDEX	Index	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
Total Builders Merchants	100	133.6	117.8	118.8	126.2	113.3	76.8	104.7	106.9	103.1	29.0	78.7	121.4	131.9
Timber & Joinery Products	100	138.2	123.1	125.4	134.4	120.4	79.1	111.5	109.0	105.0	26.9	80.5	126.7	140.3
Heavy Building Materials	100	130.9	115.3	116.9	123.5	109.9	73.5	101.7	103.8	102.0	30.5	78.5	116.4	125.6
Decorating	100	123.4	112.2	111.5	121.5	112.5	80.0	103.6	104.5	95.2	19.8	54.8	94.4	112.4
Tools	100	104.4	95.0	96.0	108.9	100.8	67.0	91.8	91.9	74.2	8.6	35.1	79.3	99.0
Workwear & Safetywear	100	108.6	96.7	110.7	135.0	134.8	82.4	119.4	127.7	139.1	37.7	66.6	98.2	131.7
Ironmongery	100	134.3	121.9	122.0	133.2	120.0	87.7	118.7	116.1	104.0	27.3	58.9	108.8	128.7
Landscaping	100	166.0	135.2	122.6	116.3	94.9	62.4	86.9	103.0	110.4	40.3	152.5	223.7	208.2
Plumbing, Heating & Electrical	100	122.4	110.4	123.4	140.7	133.7	95.9	126.3	124.8	104.3	25.4	51.8	84.4	103.1
Renewables & Water Saving	100	76.2	76.9	73.0	74.0	72.0	51.4	75.2	86.1	68.6	12.7	26.7	55.1	69.3
Kitchens & Bathrooms	100	128.6	115.0	116.9	127.6	125.4	85.4	109.1	117.5	101.7	14.1	43.7	87.3	111.1
Miscellaneous	100	136.8	118.7	128.5	131.8	122.0	90.8	119.9	114.7	152.6	36.7	55.1	98.0	112.4
Services	100	130.2	118.7	116.6	125.5	115.7	89.7	103.0	106.1	105.3	42.3	70.2	105.9	119.4

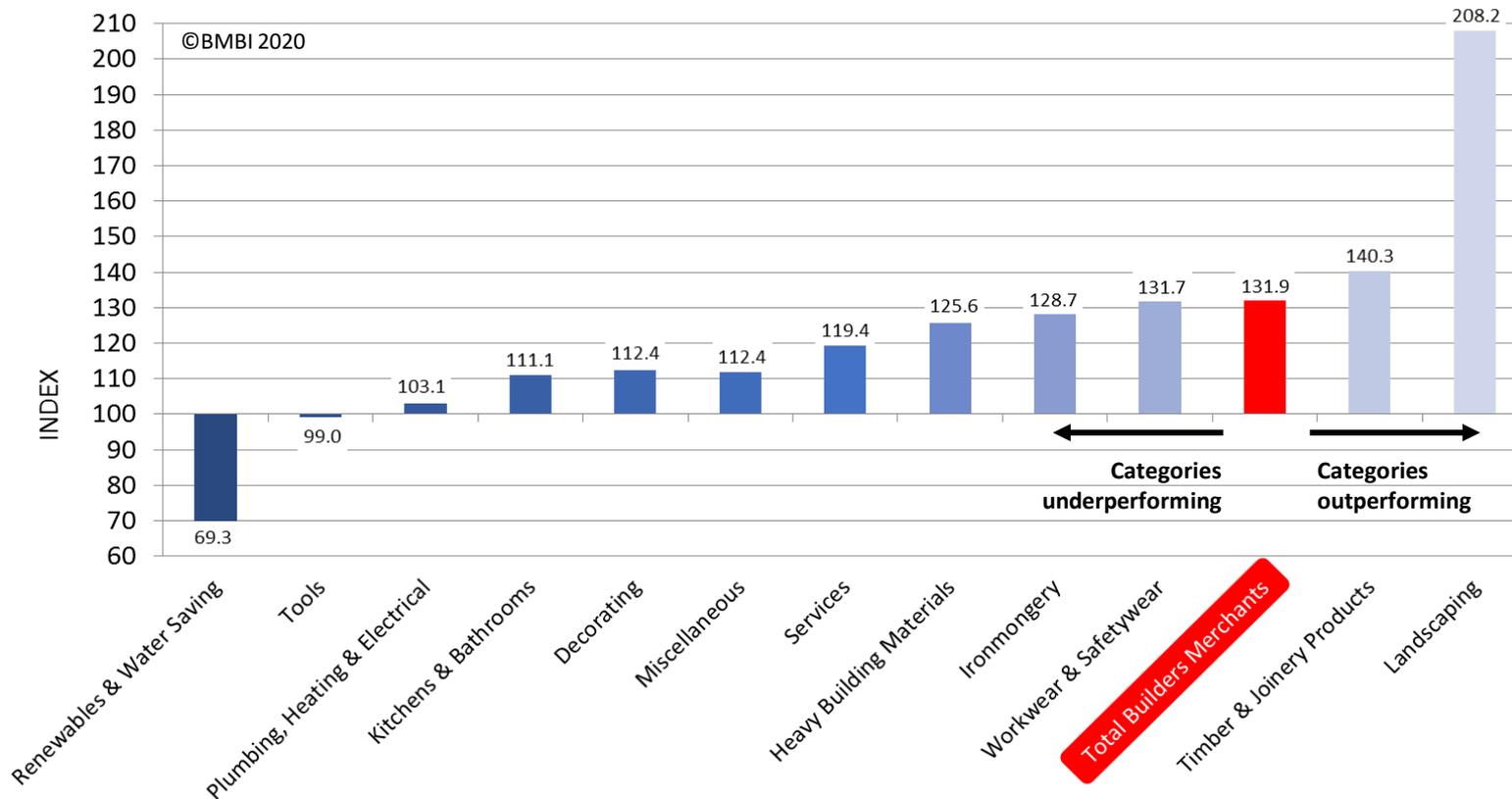
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Total Category Report
July 2015 to July 2020

Monthly: Index and Categories

July 2020 index

July 2020 Index



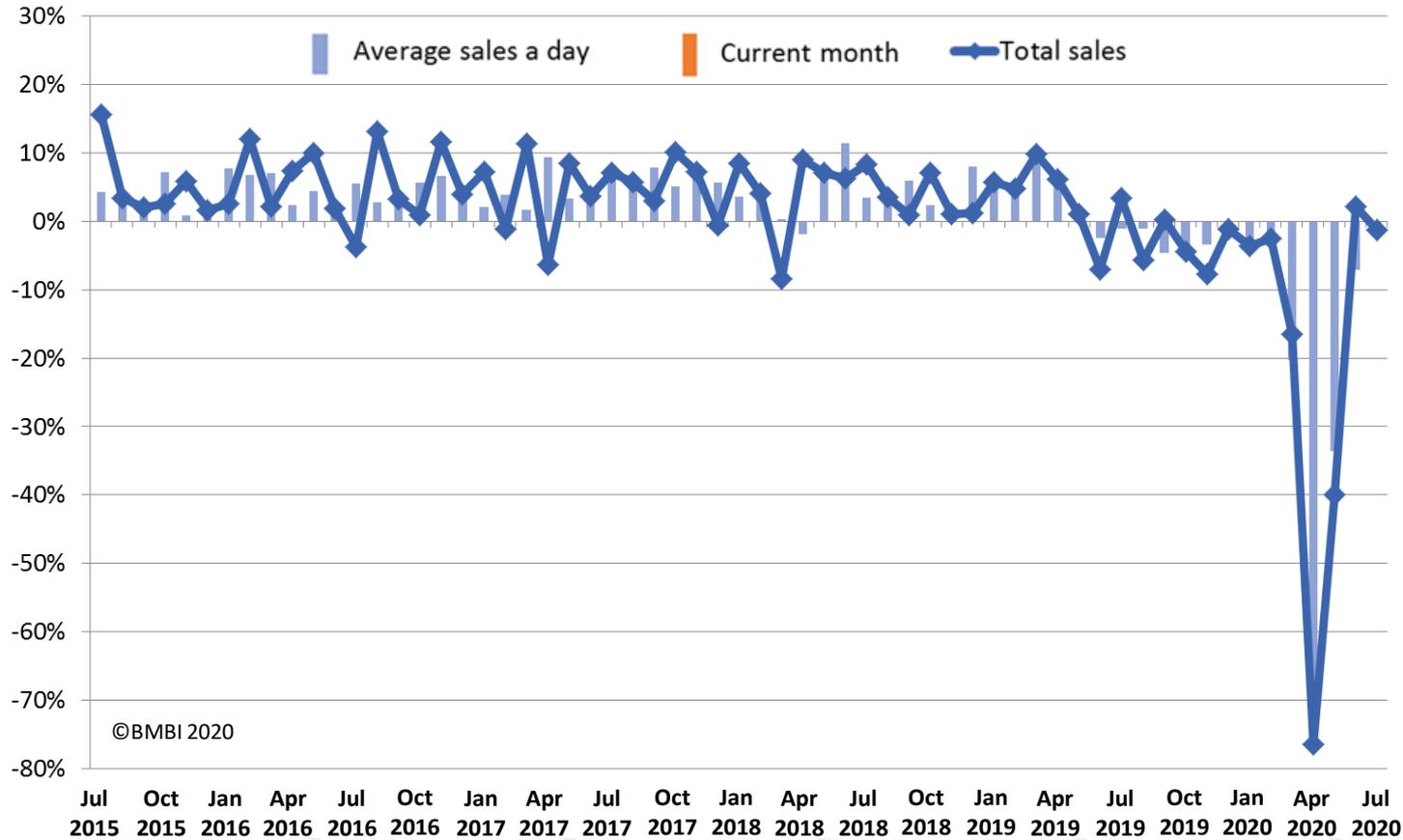
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Monthly: Sales Indices Year on Year

Adjusted and unadjusted for trading days



Monthly: Year on Year



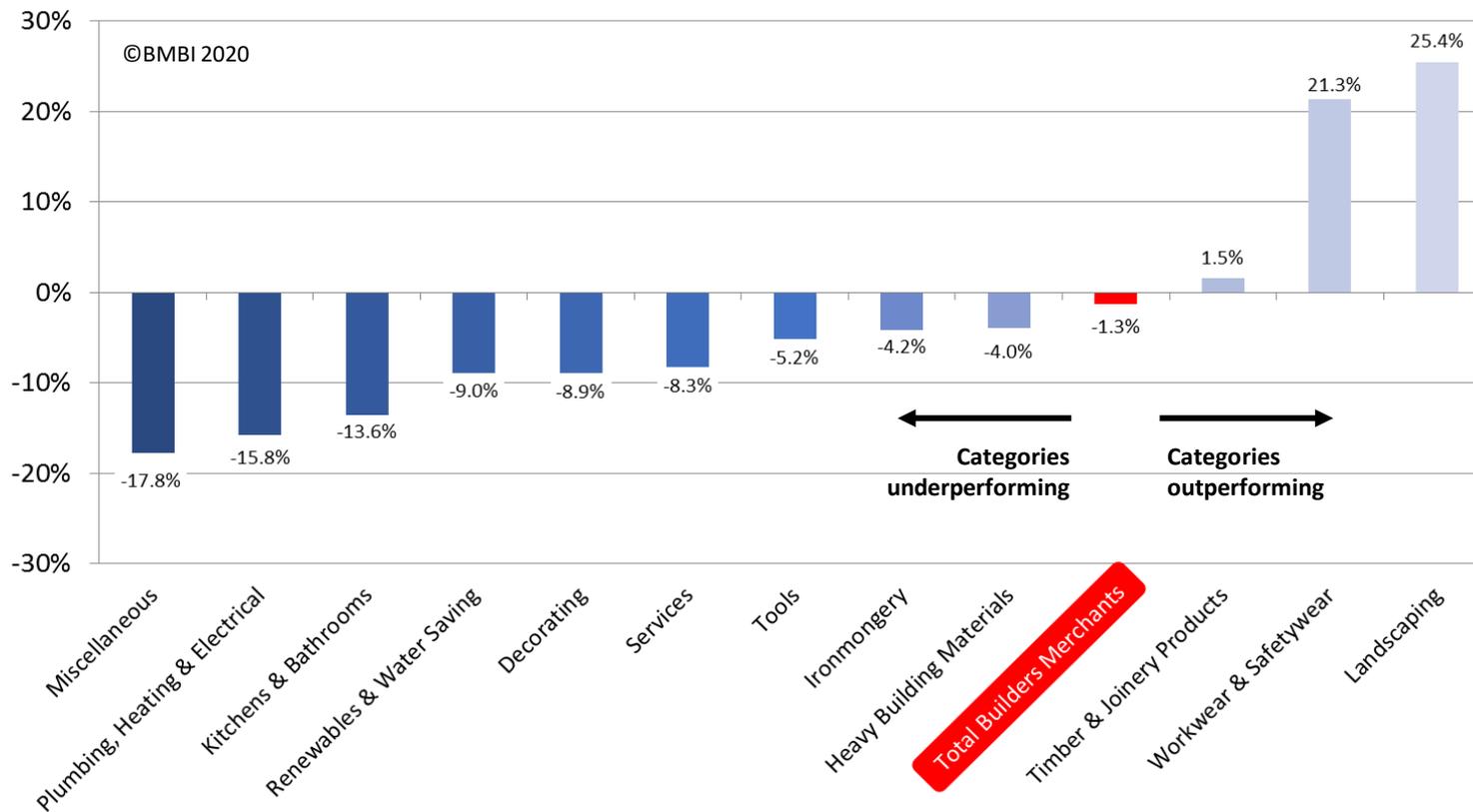
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Monthly: This Year v Last Year

July 2020 sales indices



July 2020 index v July 2019 index



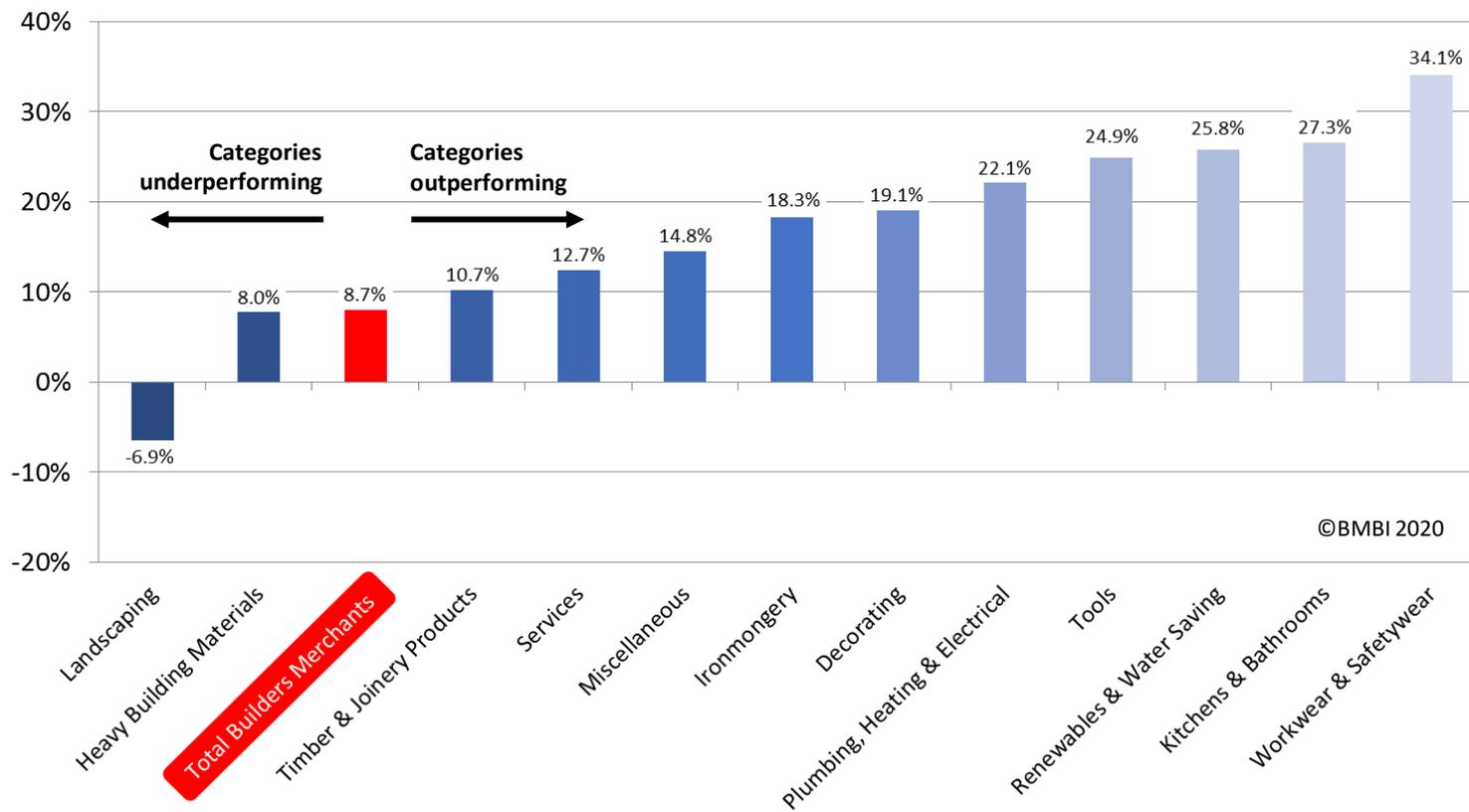
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Monthly: This Month v Last Month

July 2020 sales indices



July 2020 index v June 2020 index



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Total Category Report
July 2015 to July 2020

Monthly: This Month v Last Month

July 2020 average sales a day indices

July 2020 index v June 2020 index



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Builders Merchants
Total Category Report
July 2015 to July 2020

Quarterly: Index and Categories

Quarter 2 2019* to Quarter 2 2020

(Indexed on July 2014 to June 2015)



QUARTERLY SALES VALUE INDEX	Index	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2019	Q1 2020	Q2 2020
Total Builders Merchants	100	124.4	123.4	105.4	104.9	76.4
Timber & Joinery Products	100	129.5	128.9	111.3	108.5	78.0
Heavy Building Materials	100	121.9	121.0	102.3	102.5	75.1
Decorating	100	110.3	115.7	104.7	101.1	56.3
Tools	100	98.9	98.5	92.2	86.0	41.0
Workwear & Safetywear	100	98.1	105.3	117.4	128.7	67.5
Ironmongery	100	124.0	126.1	113.6	112.9	65.0
Landscaping	100	160.2	141.3	91.2	100.1	138.8
Plumbing, Heating & Electrical	100	114.9	118.7	123.4	118.5	53.9
Renewables & Water Saving	100	66.4	75.3	65.8	76.6	31.5
Kitchens & Bathrooms	100	115.0	120.2	112.8	109.4	48.4
Miscellaneous	100	118.0	128.0	114.9	129.1	63.3
Services	100	116.6	121.8	110.3	104.8	72.8

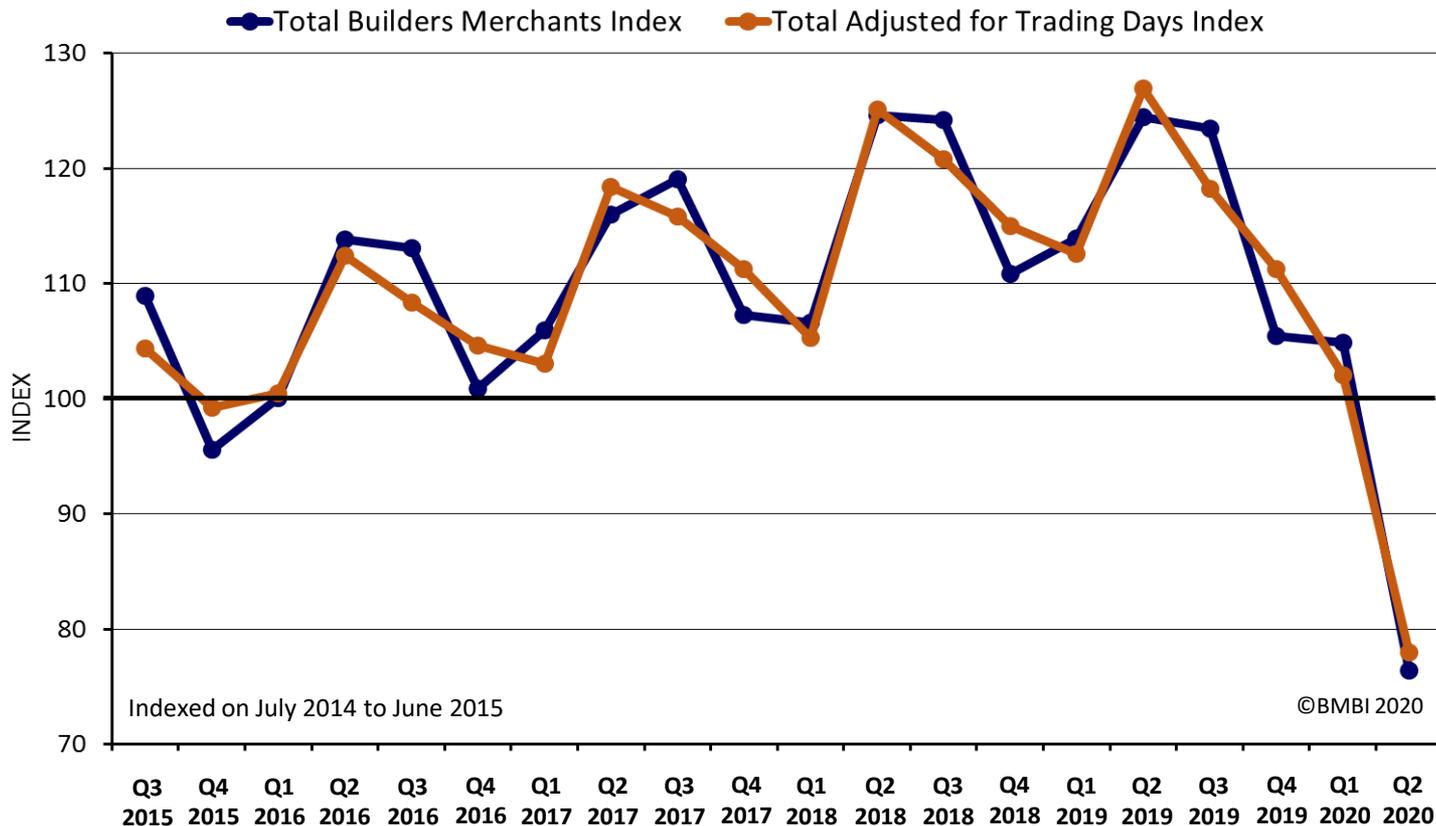
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Source: GfK's
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July 2015 to June 2020

Quarterly: Index

Adjusted and unadjusted for trading days

Total Builders Merchants Index v Total Adjusted for Trading Days Index



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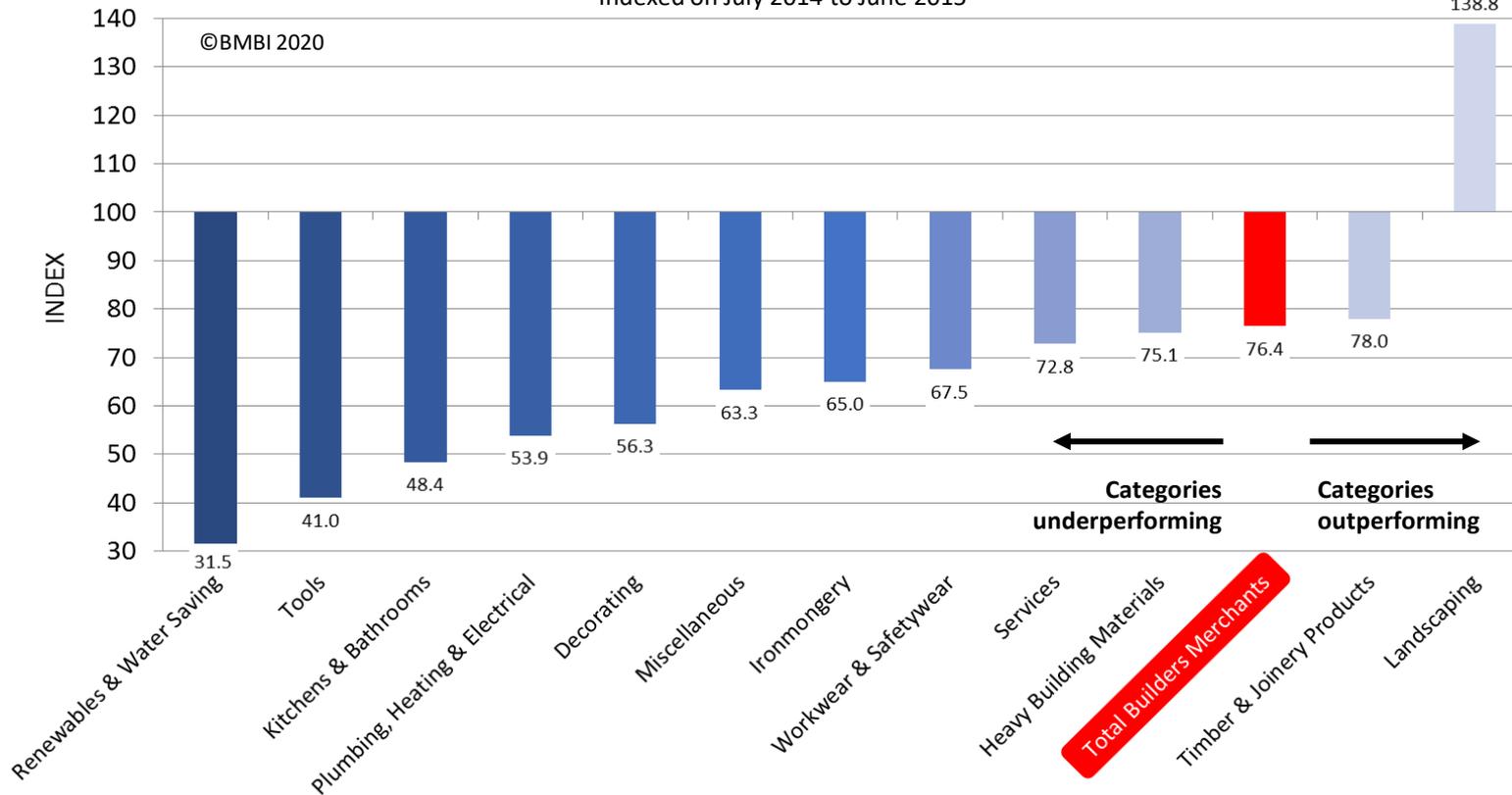
Quarterly: Index and Categories

Q2 2020 index



Quarter 2 2020

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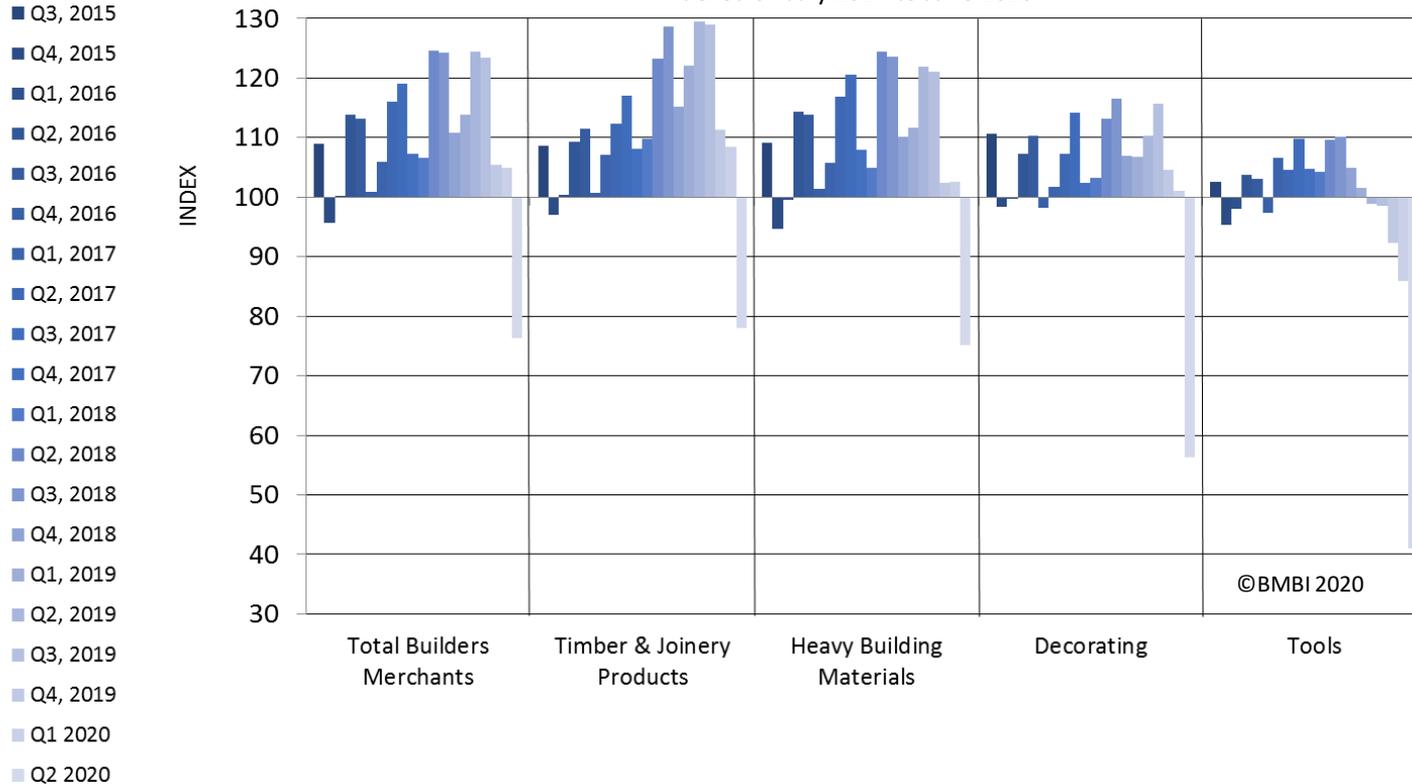
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Quarterly indices



Quarterly Indices Q3 2015 to Q2 2020

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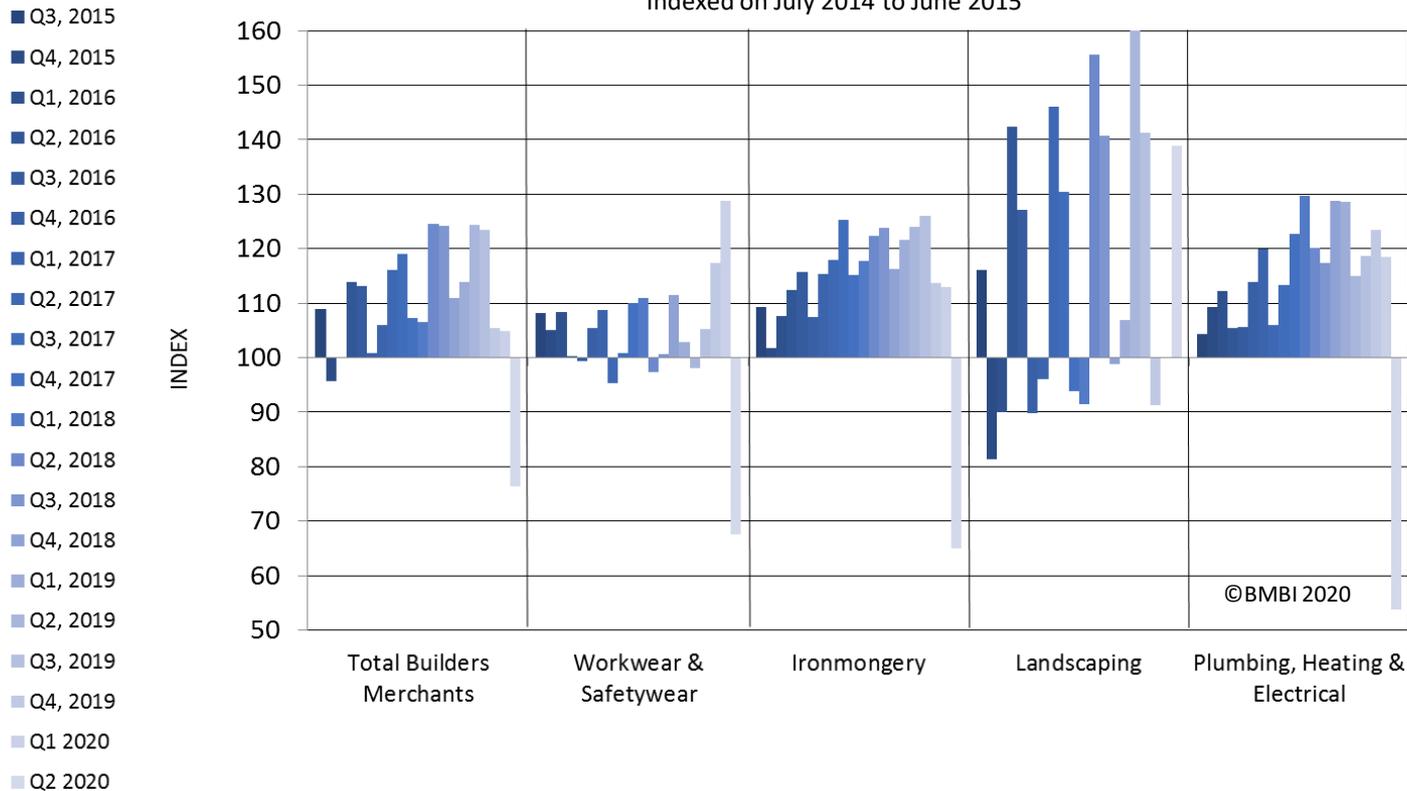
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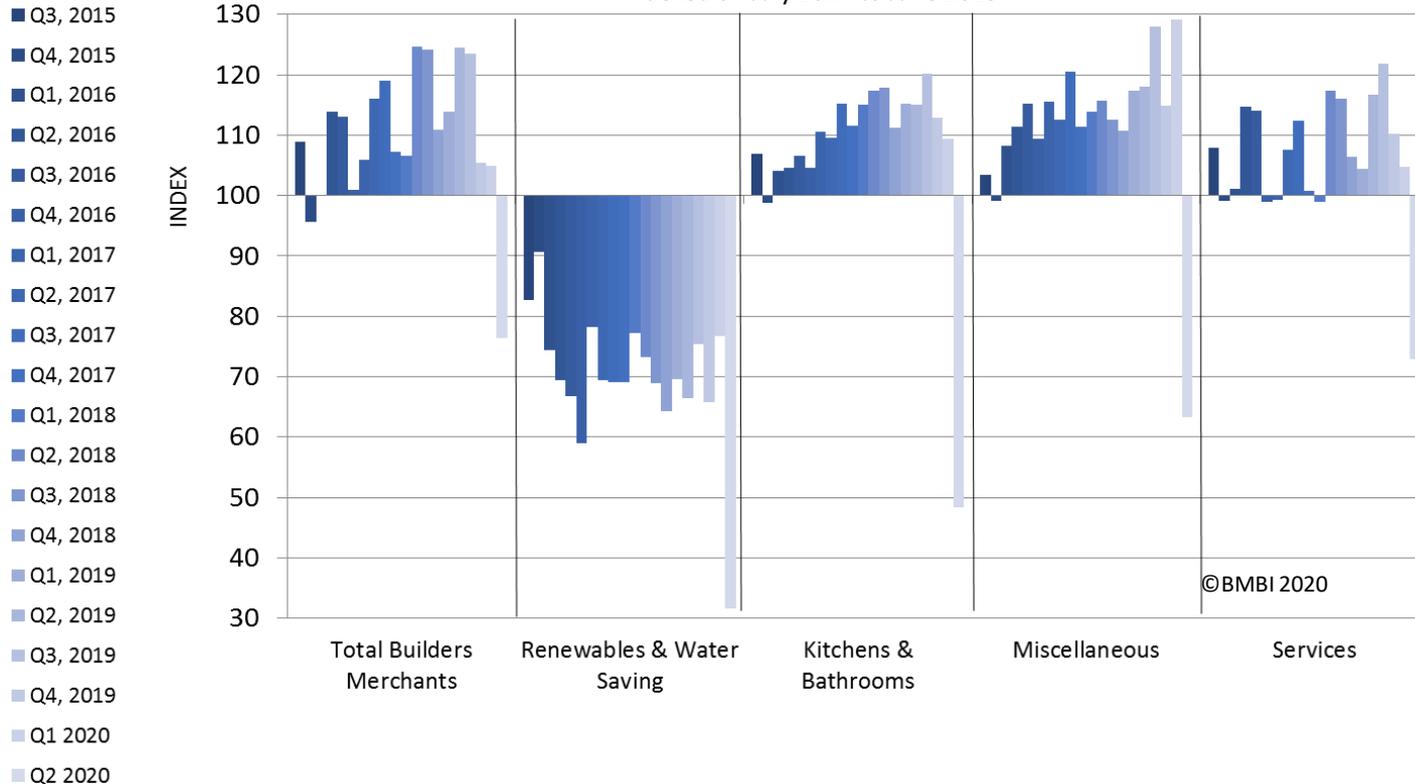
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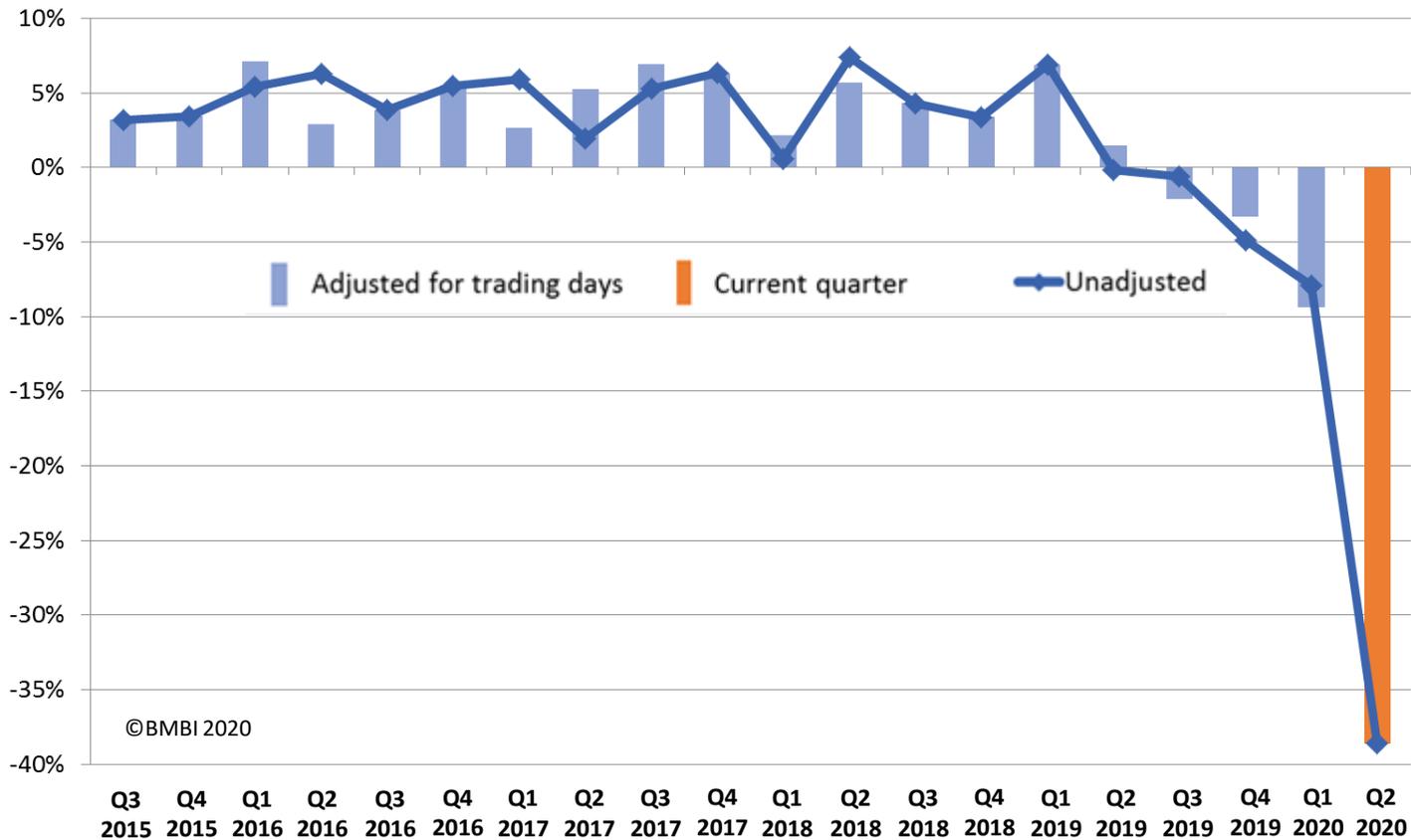


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Quarterly: Sales Indices

Adjusted and unadjusted for trading days

Quarterly Indices: Year on Year



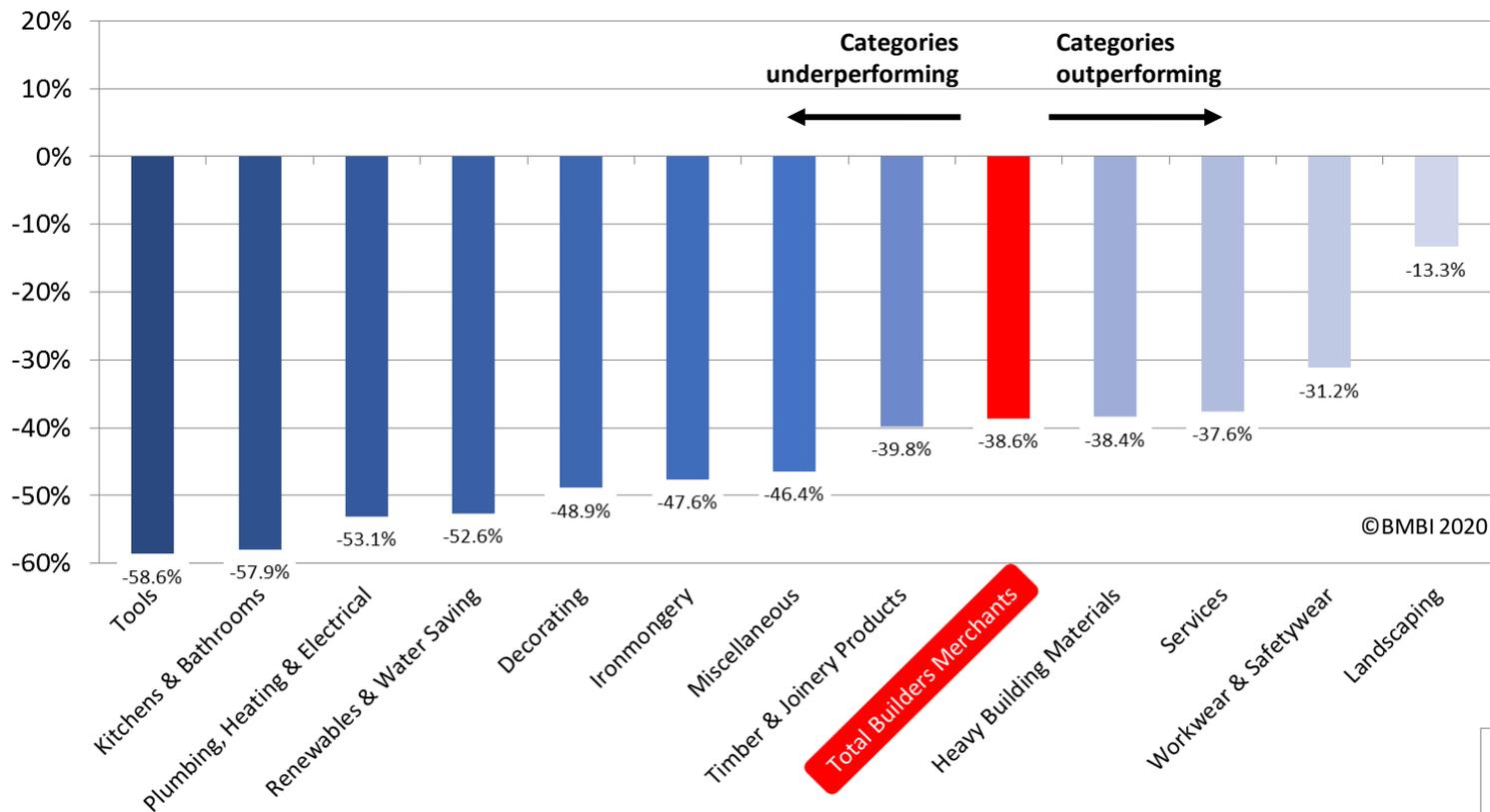
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Quarterly: This Year v Last Year

Q2 2020 sales indices



Quarter 2 2020 index v Quarter 2 2019 index



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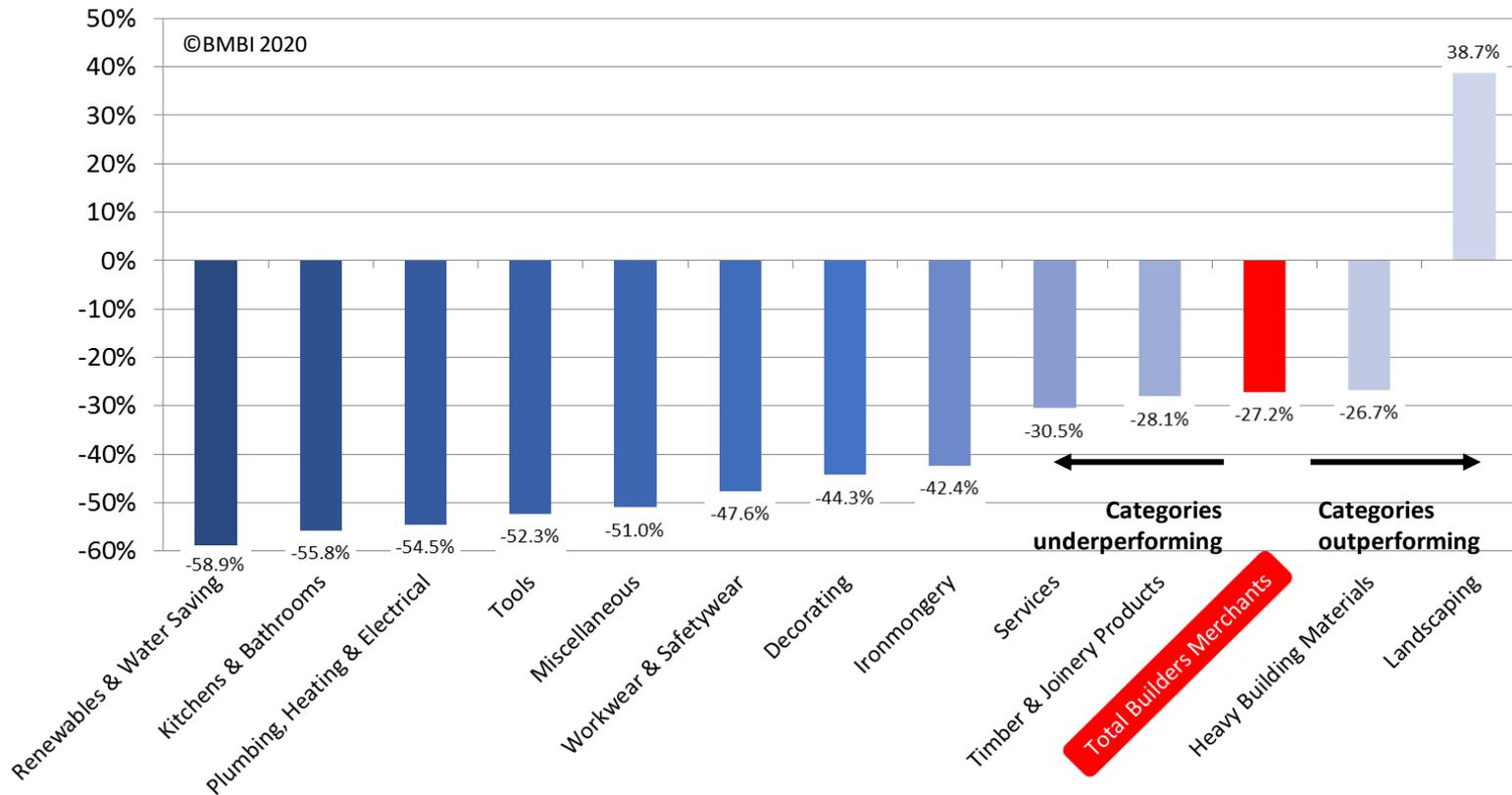
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Quarterly: Quarter on Quarter

Q2 2020 sales indices



Quarter 2 2020 index v Quarter 1 2020 index



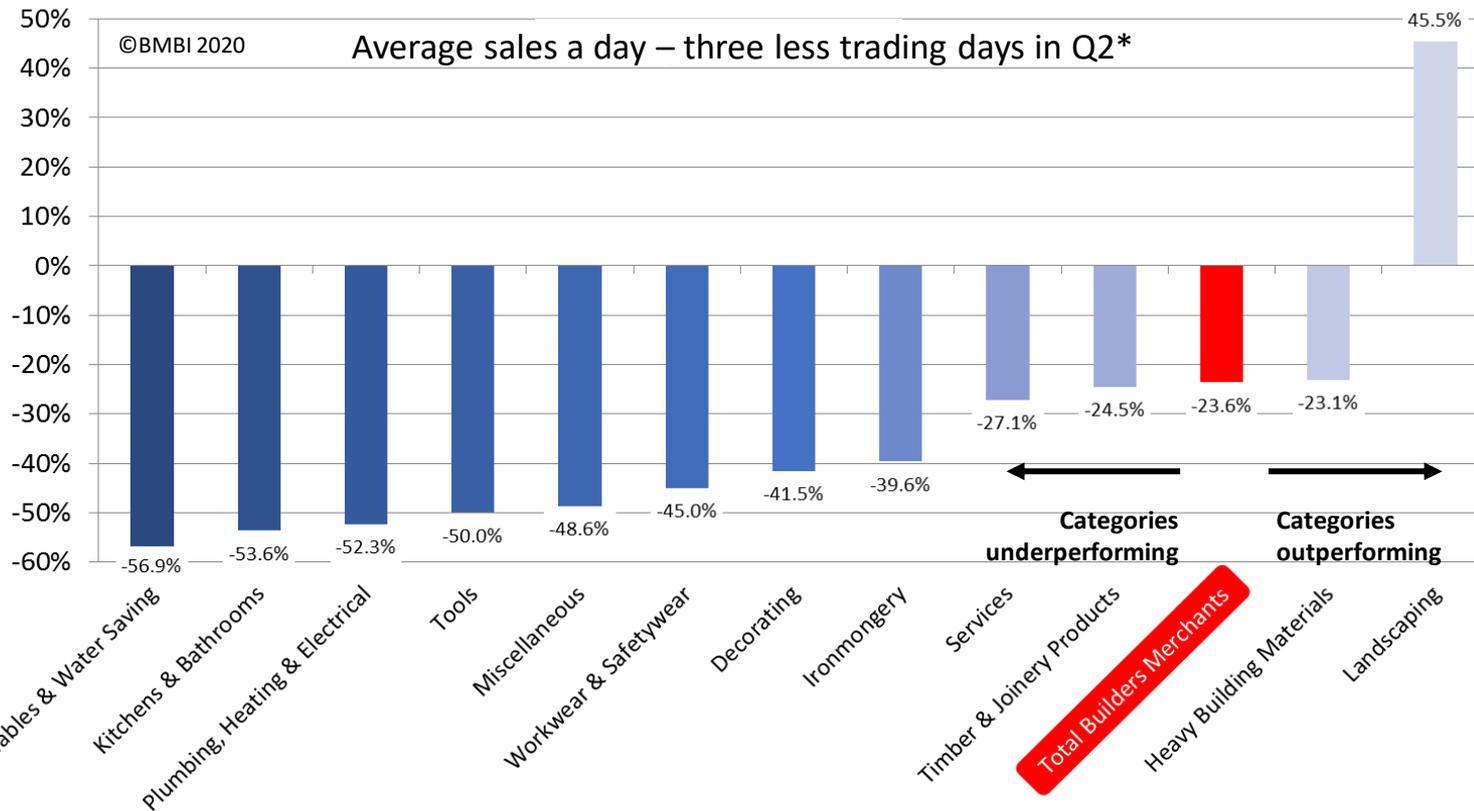
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Quarterly: Quarter on Quarter

Q2 2020 average sales a day indices



Quarter 2 2020 index v Quarter 1 2020 index



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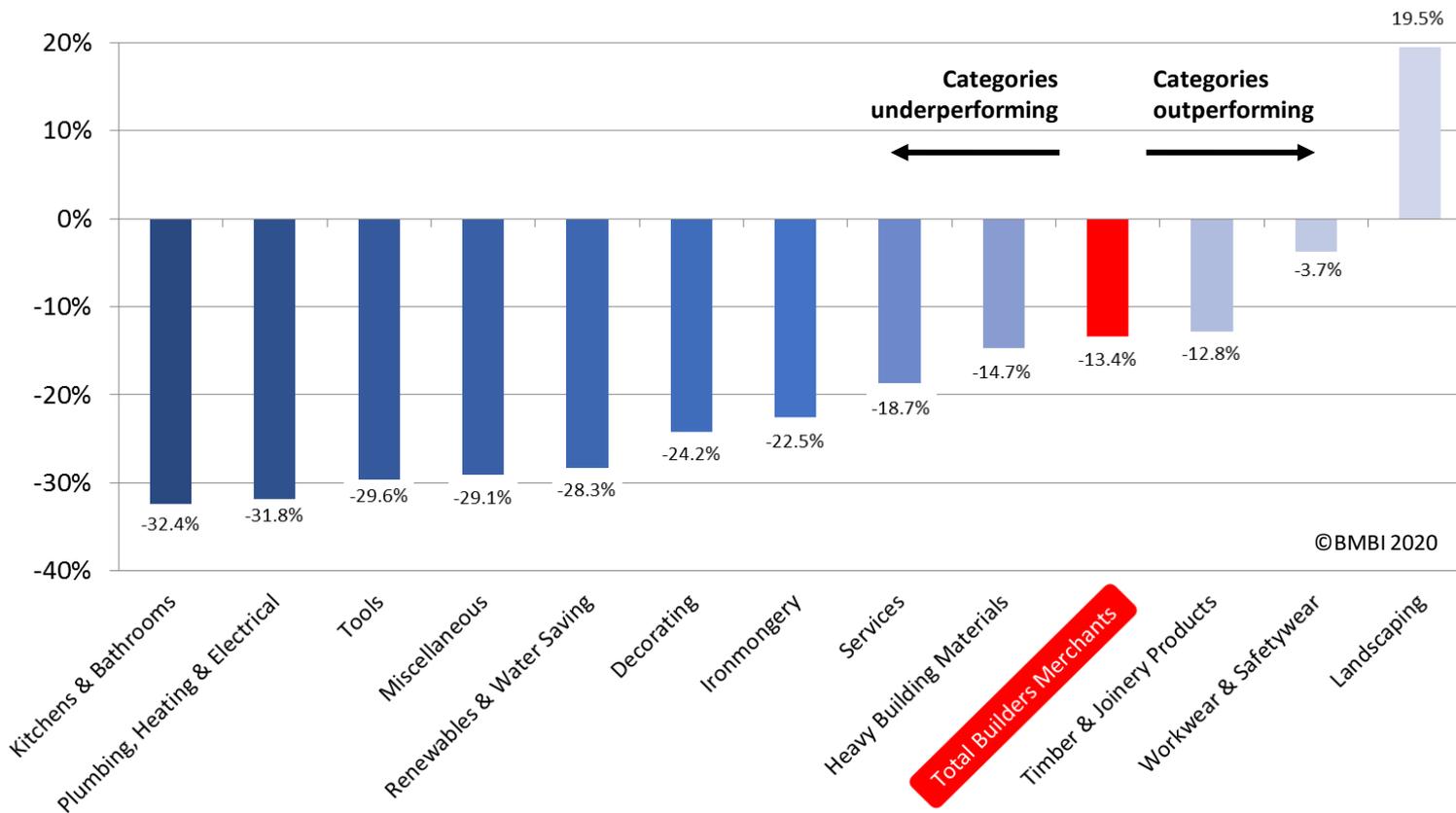
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Latest 3 months: Year on Year

May to July sales indices



3 months May 20 to Jul 20 v 3 months May 19 to Jul 19



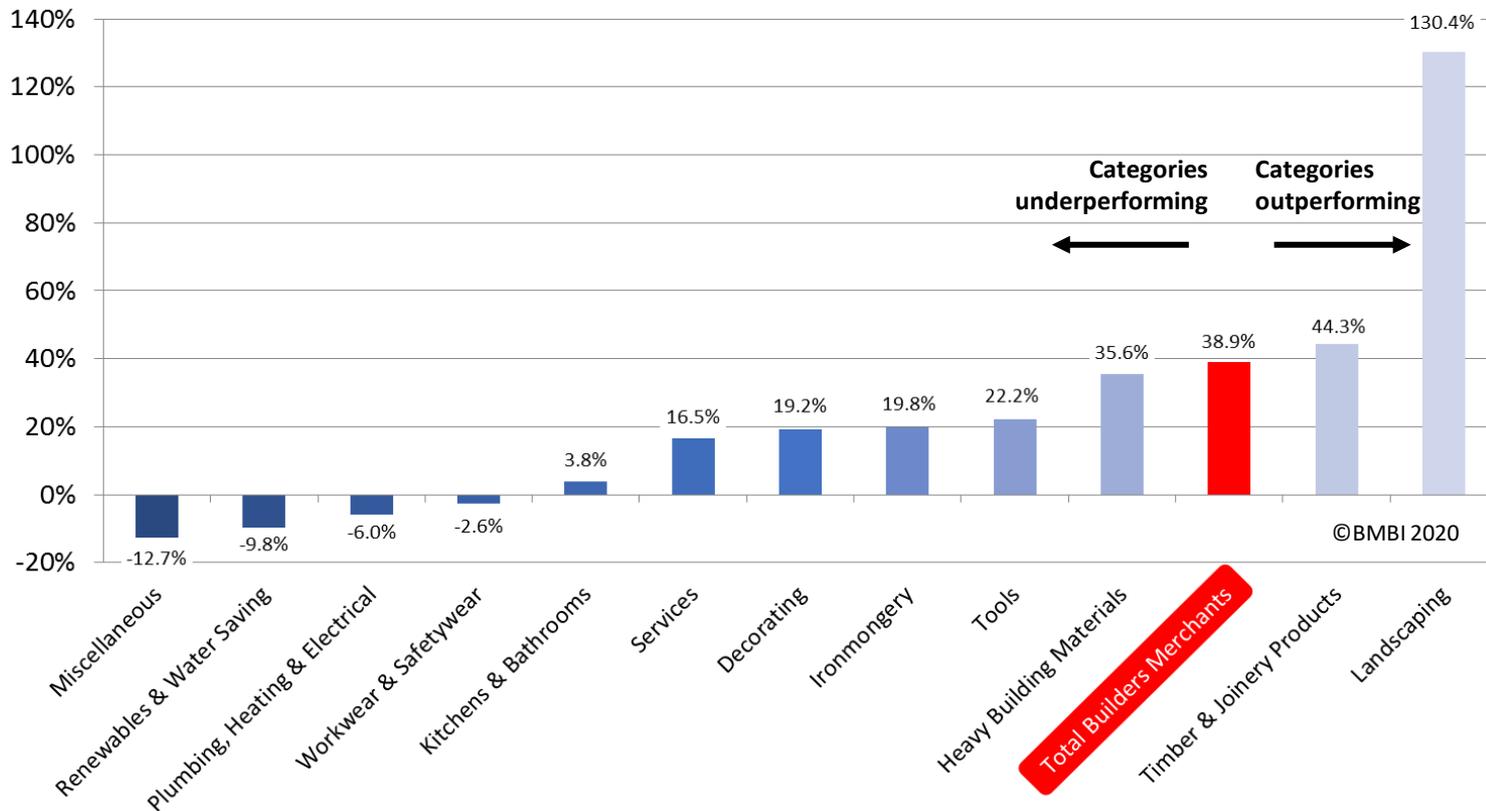
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Latest 3 months: previous 3 months

May to July sales indices



3 months May 20 to Jul 20 v 3 months Feb 20 to Apr 20



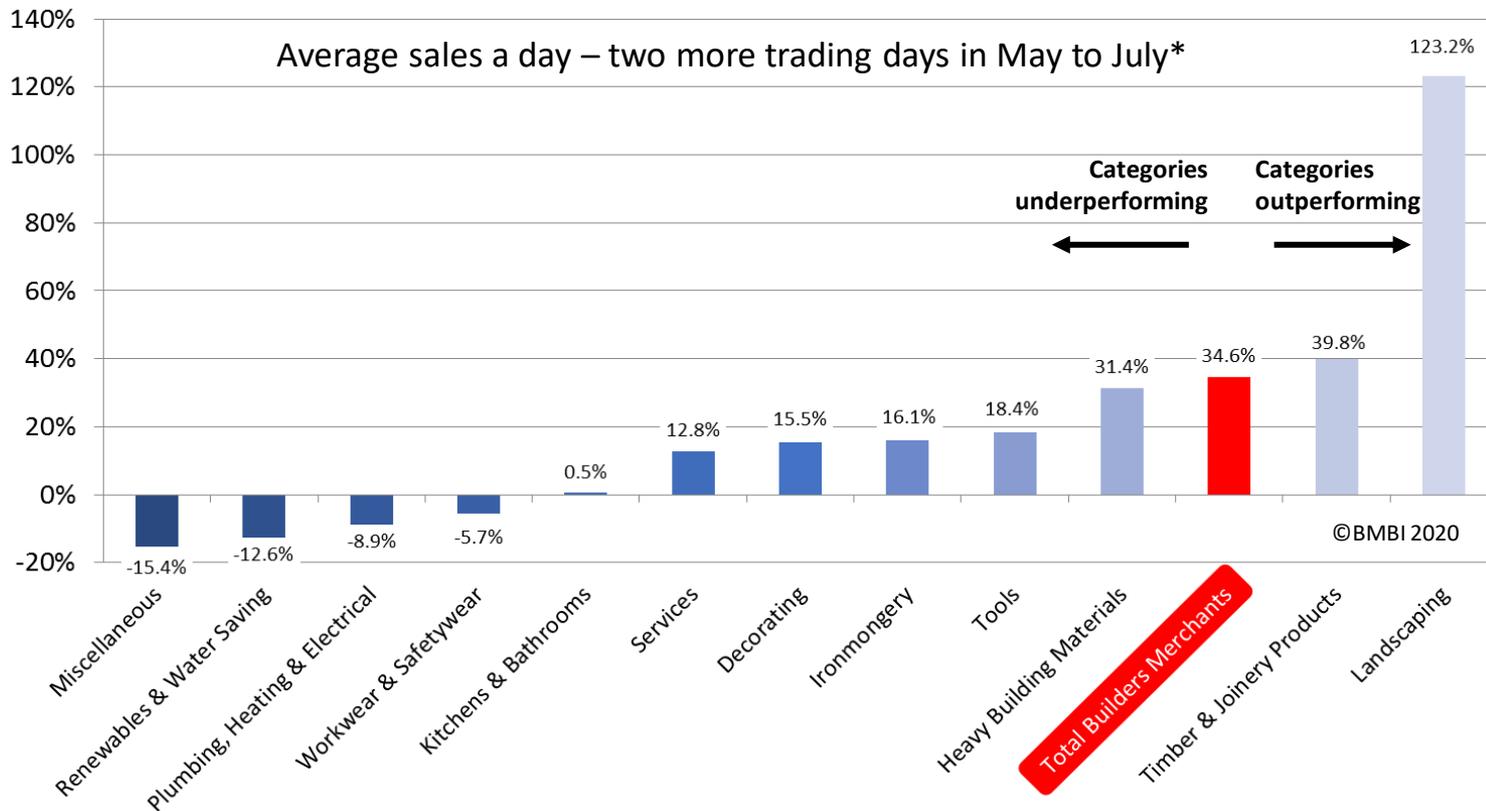
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Latest 3 months: previous 3 months

May to July average sales a day indices



3 months May 20 to Jul 20 v 3 months Feb 20 to Apr 20



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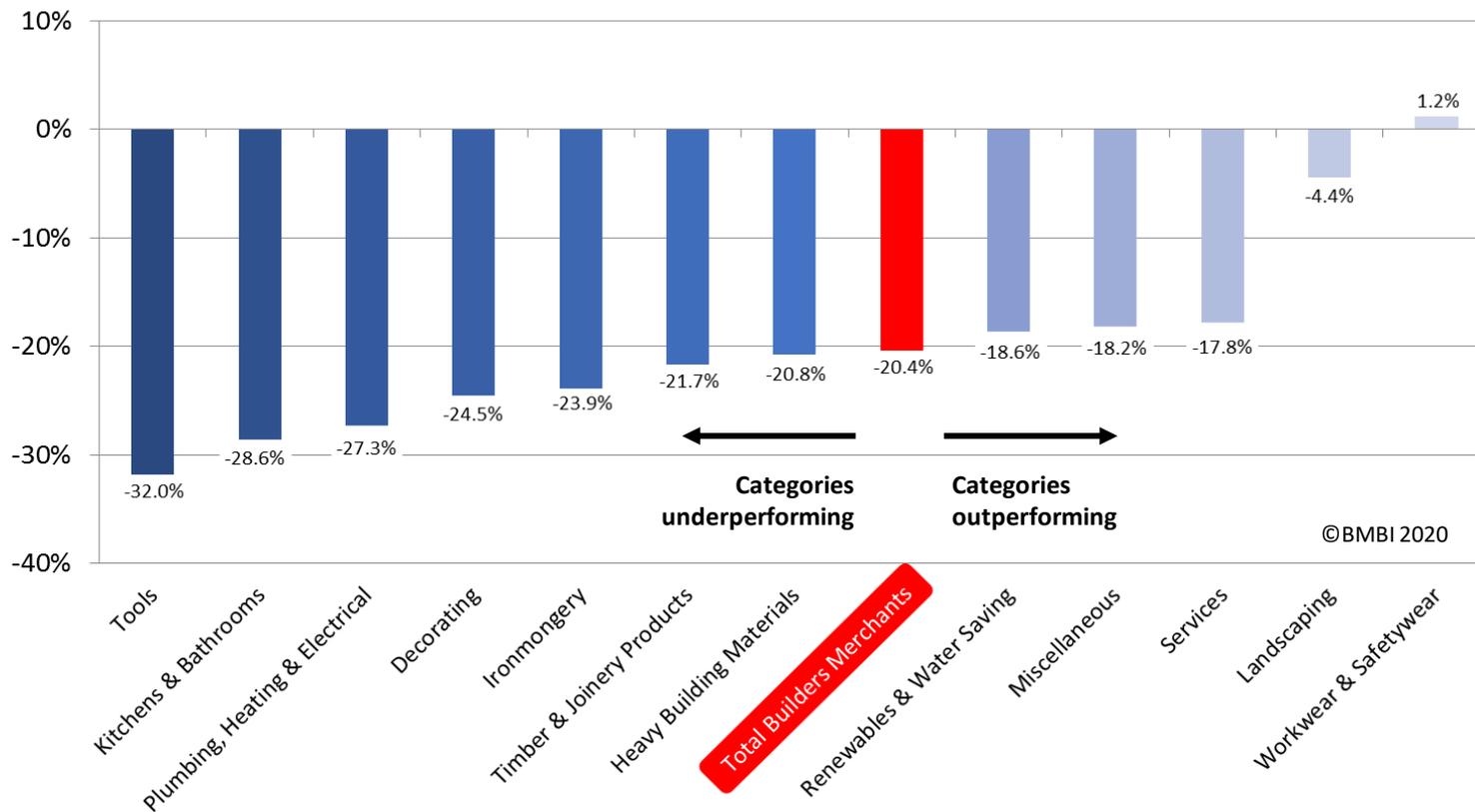
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Year to date: Year on Year

Last 7 months sales indices



Year to date: Jan 20 to Jul 20 index v Jan 19 to Jul 19 index



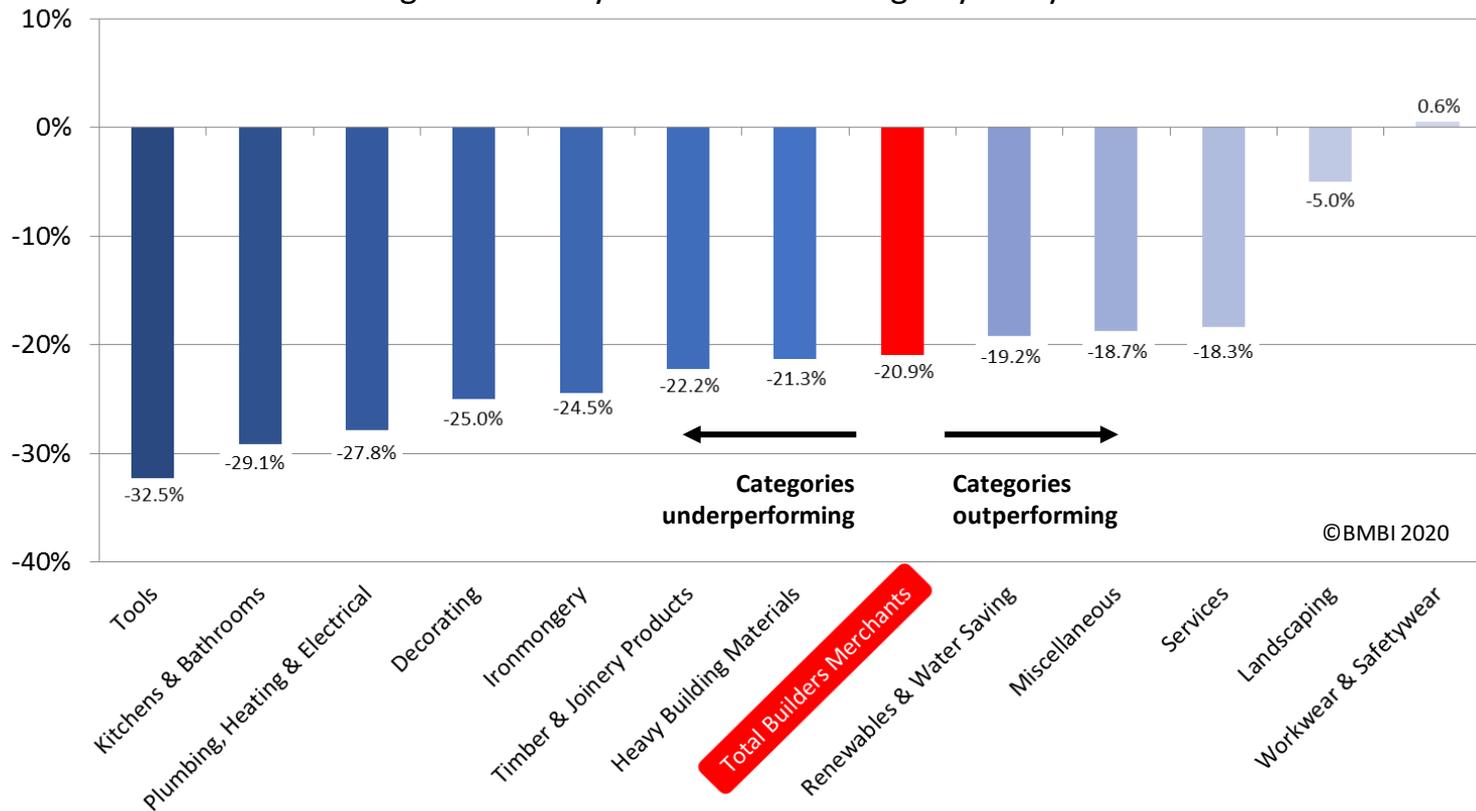
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Year to date: Year on Year

Last 7 months average sales a day indices

Year to date: Jan 20 to Jul 20 index v Jan 19 to Jul 19 index

Average sales a day – one more trading day this year*



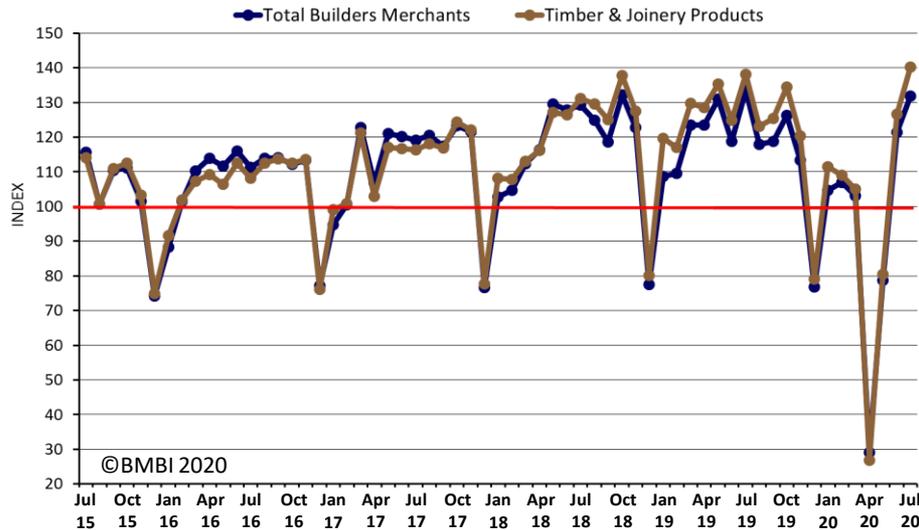
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Monthly: Indices

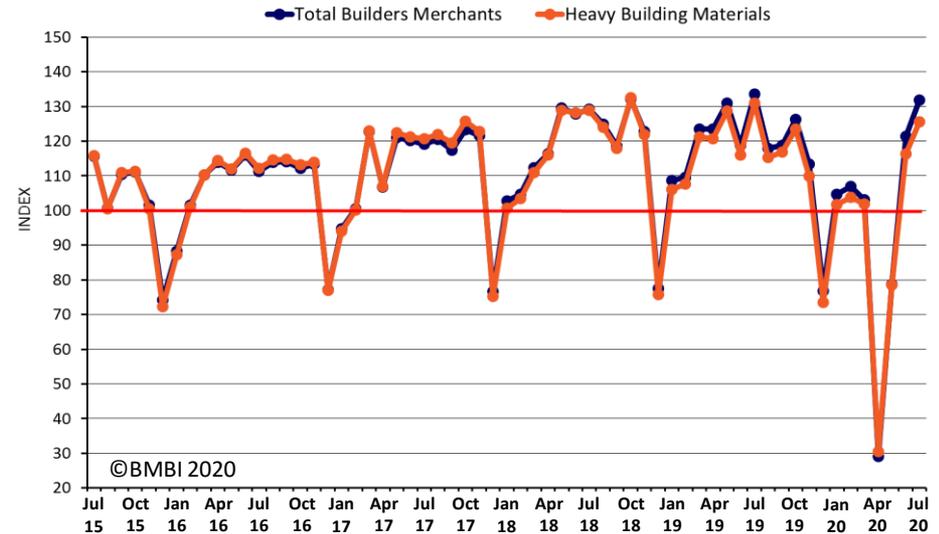
July 2020

Timber & Joinery Products



Indexed on July 2014 – June 2015

Heavy Building Materials



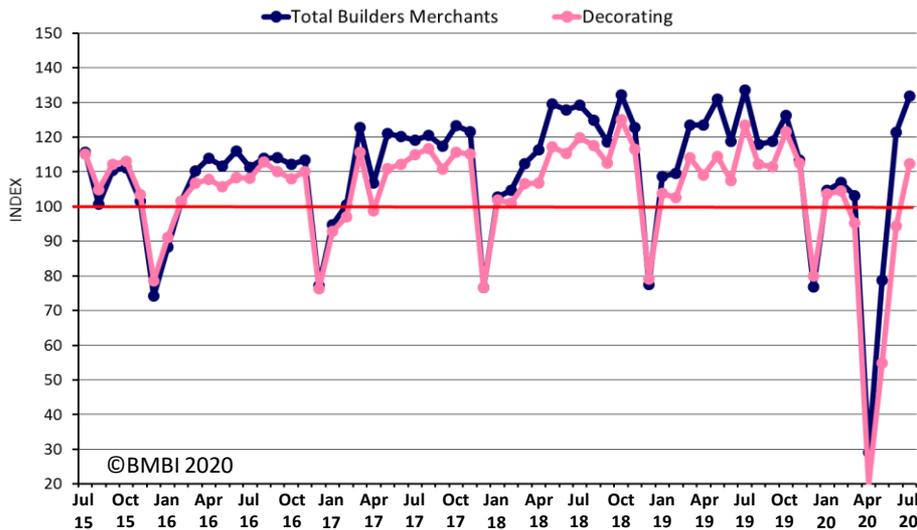
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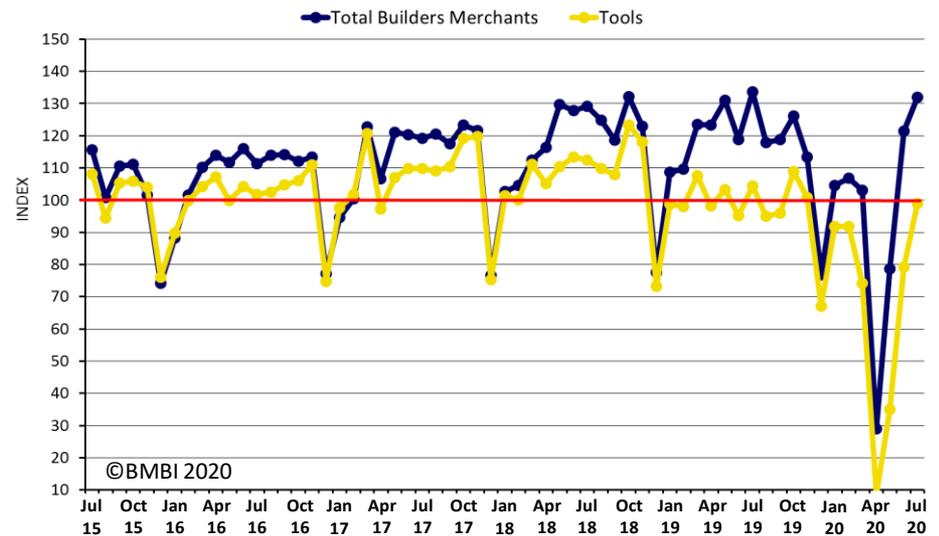


Decorating



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Tools



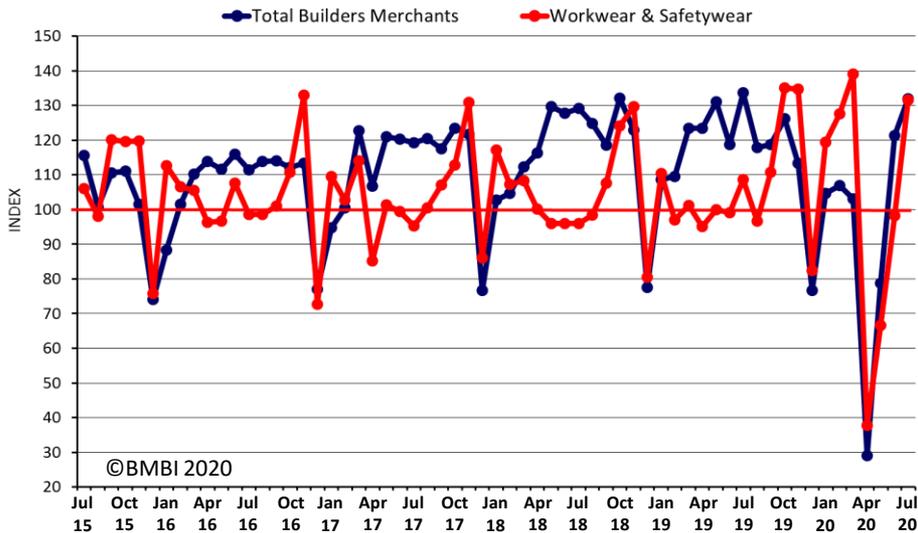
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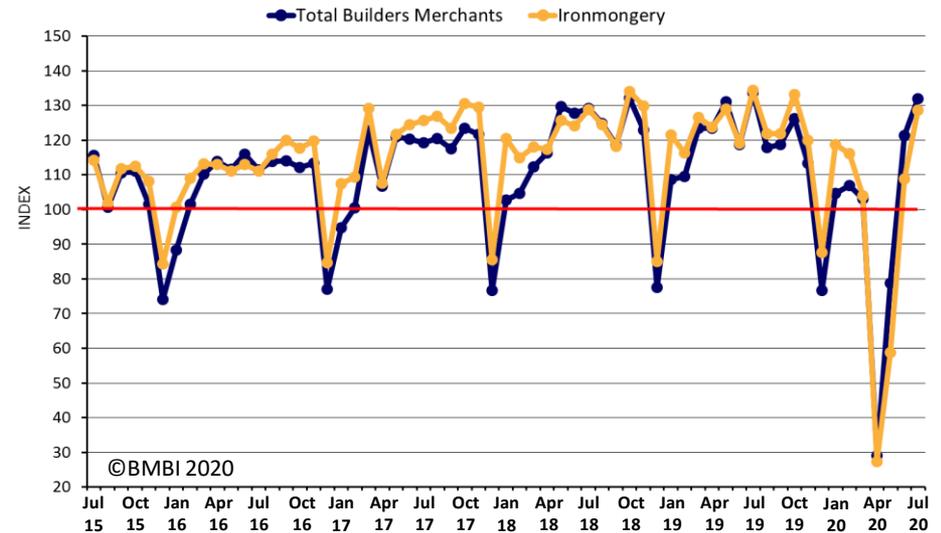
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Workwear & Safetywear



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Ironmongery

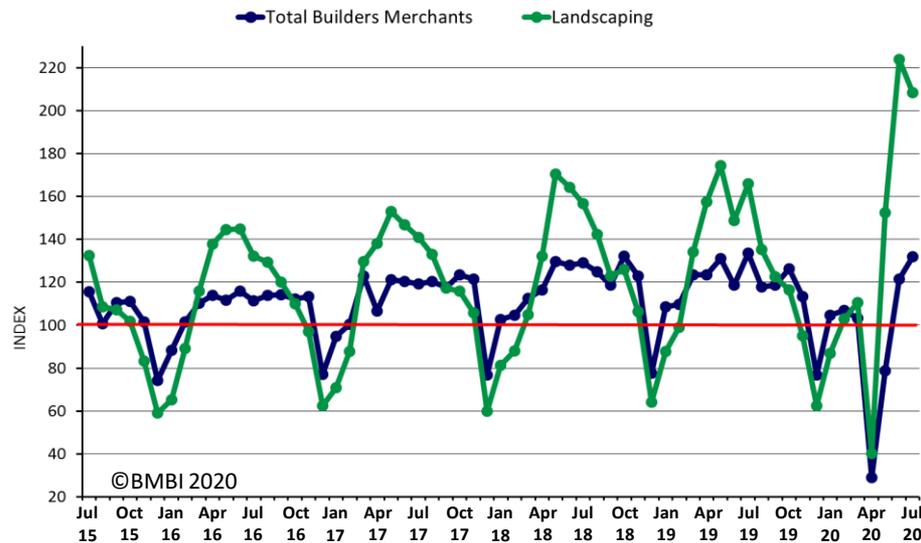


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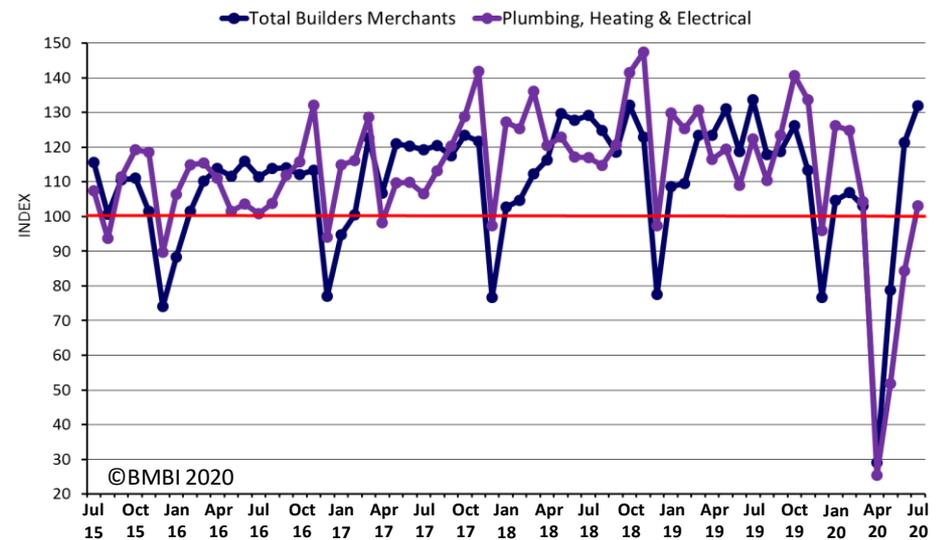
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Landscaping



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Plumbing, Heating & Electrical



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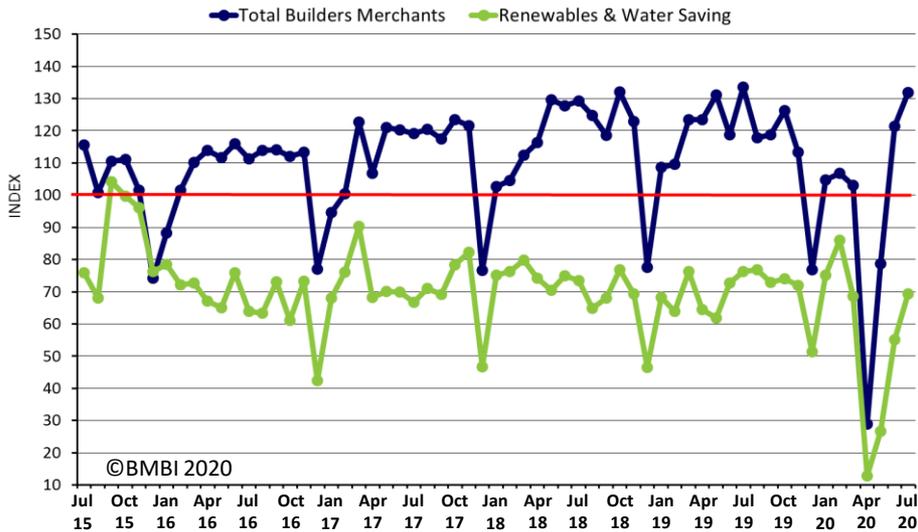
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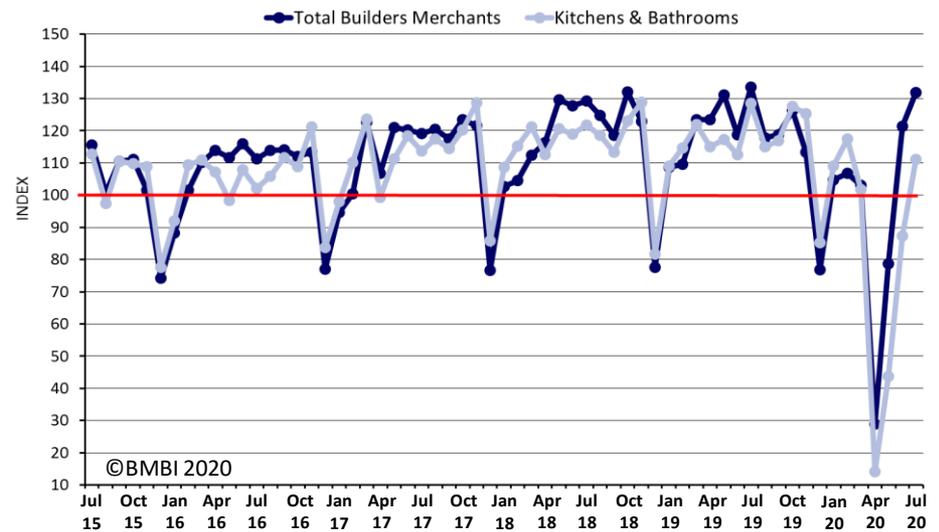


Renewables & Water Saving



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Kitchens & Bathrooms



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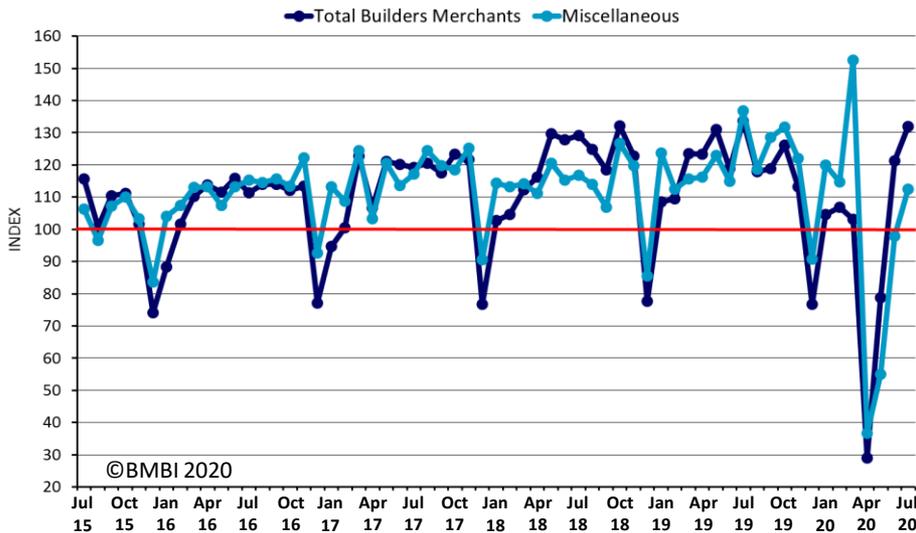
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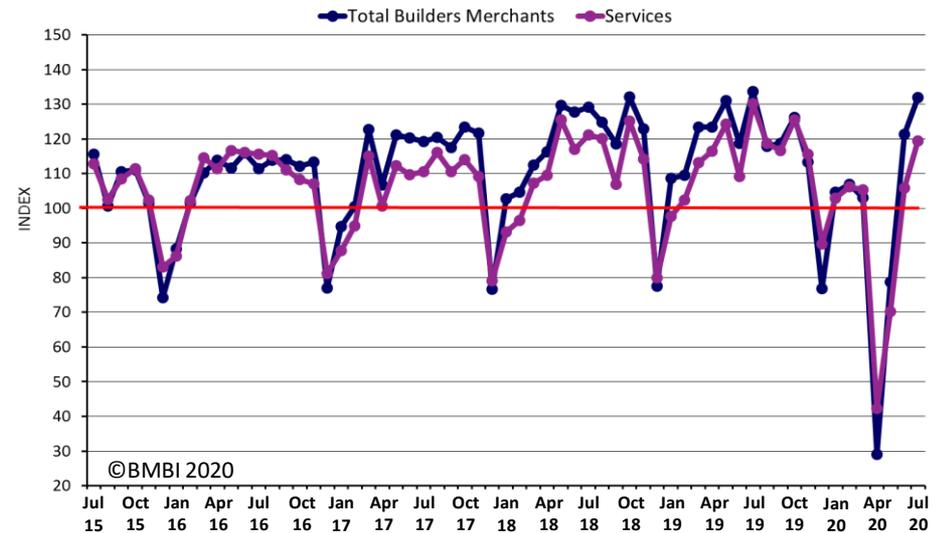


Miscellaneous



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Services



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Trading Days



Monthly

Index: 20.8

2015											
						Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
						22	20	22	22	21	17
2016											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
20	21	21	21	20	22	21	22	22	21	22	17
2017											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
21	20	23	18	21	22	21	22	21	22	22	16
2018											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
22	20	21	20	21	21	22	22	20	23	22	15
2019											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
22	20	21	20	21	20	23	21	21	23	21	15
2020											
Jan	Feb	*Mar	*Apr	*May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
22	20	22	20	19	22	23					

Quarterly

Index: 62.3

2015				2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
			Q3	Q4			H1	H2			H1	H2			2016
			64	60			125	125			125	124			250
2016				2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2017	
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			H1	H2			H1	H2			249	
62	63	65	60			125	124			124	124			248	
2017				2017		2018		2019		2020		2018		2020	
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2018				2018		2019		2020		2019		2020		2019	
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*Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, some merchants temporarily closed branches in the period March to May 2020, hence their trading days may have differed from the standard numbers shown above.

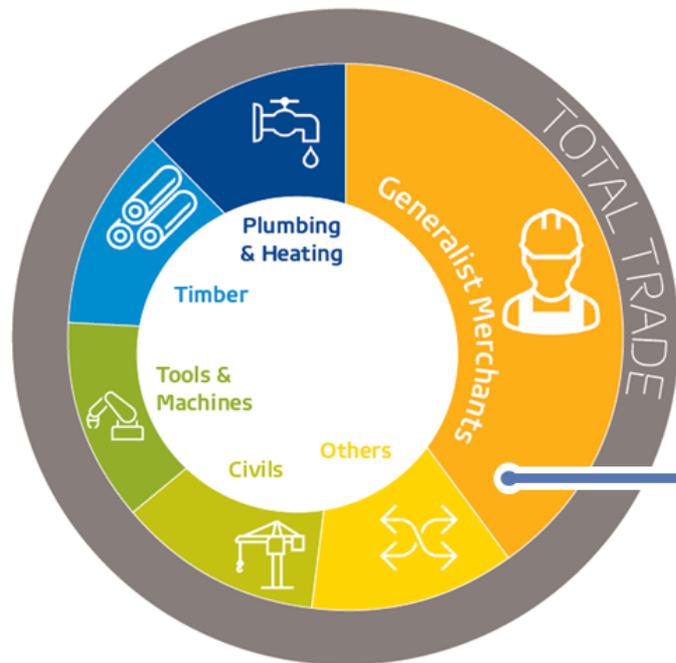
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GfK's Panel

Generalist Builders Merchant Panel (GBM's)



We define the Builders Merchants channel as the following:



Generalist Builders Merchants definition

- Builder Merchants handle an extended range of building materials and components (e.g. doors, windows, interior furnishing materials, insulation materials, tiles, cement, mortar, adhesives, sealants, nails, hardware products, pipes, ironware, paint) and generate their turnover with professional end users. This excludes branches that generate all of their sales from specialized areas such as Civils, Tiles and Tools. Estimated coverage of this channel sits at 82%.
- Multiple merchants are those defined as having more than 3 outlets or a turnover of greater than £3m p.a.

Examples include:



GfK Insights Methodology



GfK collect live sales-out data from our panel of merchant partners.

We add value to that data through the application of each sold product's unique technical features. We compare like-for-like products and categories from like-for-like merchants and aggregate this within our reports.

Our international methodology is based on robust scientific principles and delivers continuous, reliable information that can be applied to your business requirements.

GfK's Product Categories

Reports cover category headline values & in-depth, brand-level insights



Headline values available

Timber & Joinery Products

Timber
Sheet Materials
Cladding
Flooring & Flooring Accessories
Mouldings
Stairs & Stairparts
Window & Frames
Doors/Door Frames

Heavy Building Materials

Bricks Blocks & Damp Proofing
Drainage/Civils/Guttering
Lintels
Cement/Aggregate/Cement Accs
Concrete Mix/Products
Plasters Plasterboards and Accessories
Roofing Products
Insulation
Cement Mixers/Mixing Buckets Products
Builders Metalwork
Other Heavy Building Equipment/Material

Decorating

Paint/Woodcare
Paint Brushes Rollers & Pads
Adhesives/Sealants/Fillers
Tiles And Tiling Accessories
Decoration Preparation & Decorating Sundries
Wall Coverings

Tools

Hand Tools
Power Tools
Power Tool Accessories
Ladders & Access Equipment

Workwear And Safetywear

Clothing
Safety Equipment

Ironmongery

Fixings And Fastenings
Security
Other Ironmongery

Landscaping

Garden Walling/Paving
Driveways/Block Paving/Kerbs
Decorative Aggregates
Fencing And Gates
Decking
Other Gardening Equipment

Plumbing Heating & Electrical

Plumbing Equipment
Boilers Tanks & Accessories
Heating Equipment/Water Heaters/Temperature Control/Air Treatment
Radiators And Accessories
Electrical Equipment
Lighting And Light Bulbs

Renewables And Water Management

Water Saving
Renewables & Ventilation

Kitchens & Bathrooms

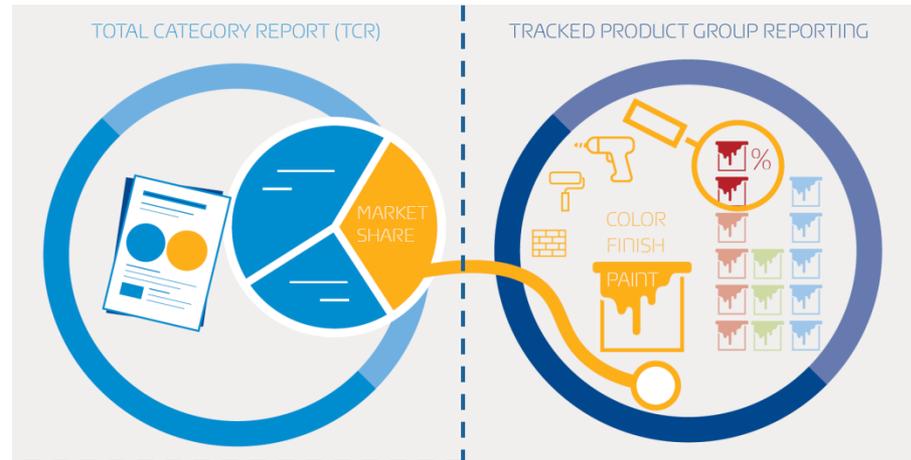
Bathroom (Including Showering)
Fitted Kitchens
Major Appliances

Miscellaneous

Cleaning/Domestic/Personal
Automotive
Glass
Other Furniture & Shelving
Other Misc

Services

Toolhire / Hire Services
Other Services



In-depth product group reporting

Monthly sales values, volumes, pricing analysis & distribution facts available by brand and key product features.

For insights on your product group please contact Emile van der Ryst at GfK
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Available categories:

Heavyside

Bricks
Insulation

Lightside

Emulsion Paints (incl. Masonry & Base)
Trim Paints
Primers/Undercoats
Woodcare
Adhesives
Sealants
Fillers/PU Foam
Tile Fixing (Adhesives/Grout)

BMF Forecast Report

Autumn 2020 edition



Builders Merchants Industry Forecast Report

The BMF has released the Autumn 2020 edition of its Builders Merchants Industry Forecast.

While Builders Merchants Building Index (BMBI) data, which is provided by GfK and is based on actual sales category performance, has enabled users to see which products and regions are currently growing, the forecast report takes this one stage further to meet the industry's need for accurate forecasting.

The BMF forecast model incorporates several lead indicators to signal future events that will impact our markets.

Using BMBI data coupled with advanced modelling techniques the BMF has developed a channel-specific forecasting model to show what is likely to happen in the next 12 months, making it possible for merchants and suppliers to forecast their customers' requirements more accurately.

The report is updated on a quarterly basis, with the Autumn 2020 edition available now. The forecast report can be downloaded by BMF members free of charge - once logged in – [here](#).

Non-members can purchase the report by contacting Nyssa Patel on 024 7685 4984 or email nyssa.patel@bmf.org.uk



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